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**T**his is a tale of the god of light, Amaterasu, and his wife Lachesis, who emerged victorious from an era of wars that raged throughout four solar systems. It will also tell of the many bold and daring headliners who battled courageously during those times, some victorious, some not, but always in the name of chivalry.

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**F**he story of Fatima Fates Atropos has begun with the main character conspicuously missing. After a brief demonstration of the powers possessed by Ladios Sopp = Amaterasu, the Emperor of Delta Belun decides to take a leave of absence to visit none other than Kastenpo on the planet Both, a popular destination for the characters of *Five Star Stories*. On the bus ride to what turns out to be nowhere, Sopp hears the well-known folktale of the "Water Dragon," in which a young princess gives up her most treasured possession to save her kingdom from an army of devils. Then the bus is attacked by a secret mission led by Diver Di-Barrow in search of the dying LED Dragon, and Sopp is mortally wounded. Meanwhile, back in Delta Belun at the Floating Temple, its commander-in-chief's departure (and no doubt the purpose of his mission) has thrown the Palace into confusion, with headliners and diver's running amok and safety barriers of all kinds breaking apart. However, Lachesis, with a little help from Dougulus Kaien and the Golden Dragon, proves to all her ability to rule in Amaterasu's absence.

**#4 Destiny's Three Fates: Atropos  
BOTH 2992**



...immediately bestow on me, Bosjathfort... the title of Dis as its rightful claimant.

Aaaarghh!

Your... Your Majesty!!

... can't... breathe...

Mister Sopp!!

The diver powers I possess are no match for mere headliners.

**Delta Belun  
J.C. 2121**

That's what happens when the Imperial Order of Gods Knights try to attack me...

And as royalty, I demand that Your Majesty Amalerasu...

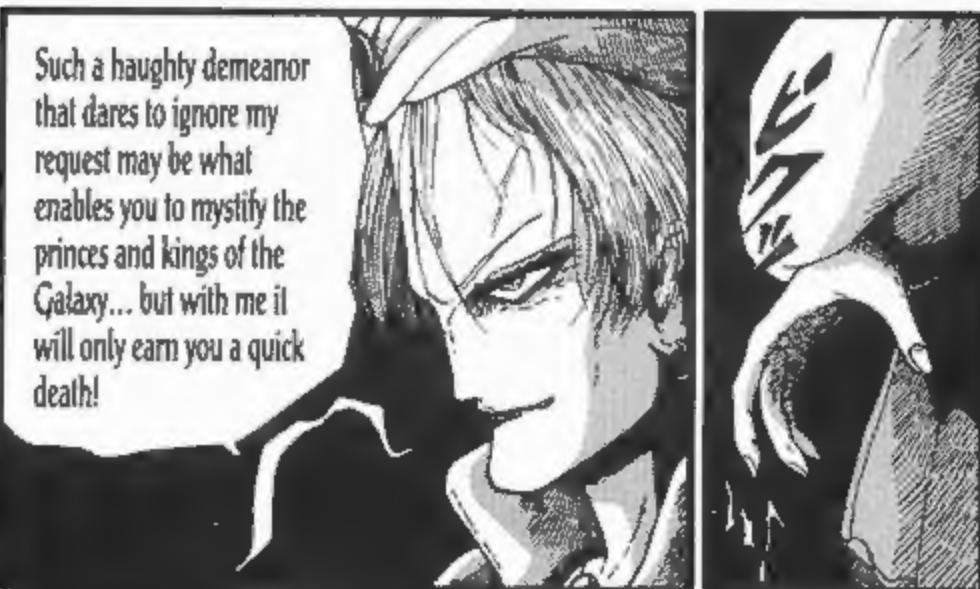
I intend to replace Your Majesty as the new head of the Divers' Para-Guild...



Your tricks and slight  
of hand are most  
interesting and most  
entertaining... but  
now it is time for you  
to take your leave.



I, Amaterasu-no-  
Mikoto, will  
take note and  
remember what  
you have done.



Such a haughty demeanor  
that dares to ignore my  
request may be what  
enables you to mystify the  
princes and kings of the  
Galaxy... but with me it  
will only earn you a quick  
death!



What you are telling me  
is that you intend for this  
beautiful doll-like prince  
to accede to the imperial  
throne and lead the  
Para-Guild...



How dare  
you speak to  
me like that!



I duly recognize the  
power you possess  
to pierce my guards  
and gain access to  
these chambers.



Then it's time for both  
of you to step down...  
heh-heh.

Huh? Yes  
I have...

Sopp, have you  
finished reading  
the article about  
the Rikamar  
device yet?

Oooooohhh!

...go visit to Litra's  
grave, or something!  
I have my hands full  
right now...

Then, why  
don't you...





There is no  
power able to  
penetrate my  
shield...



...Even buster  
power is  
impenetrable...  
ha-ha-ha!







My shield's  
being absorbed!  
I'm losing my  
power!



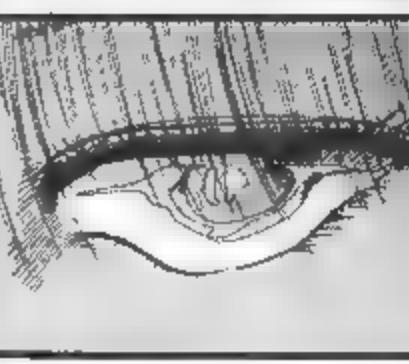
Sopp!!



My God!  
What is that  
pulling on me!!



There is no force  
like that in this  
world!

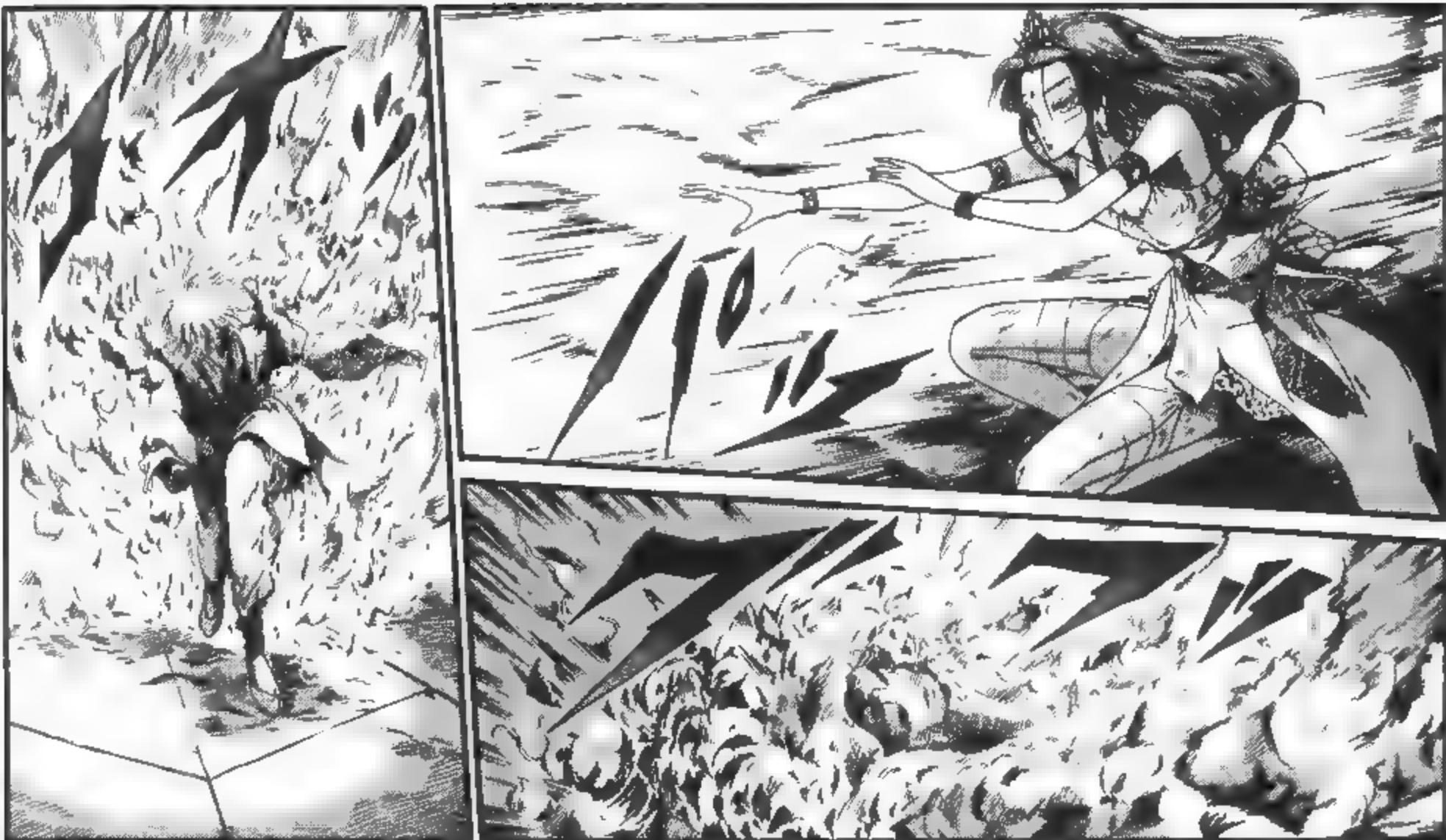


Who... no...  
what are you!!



Stop it, Sopp!! You  
mustn't send any  
living human being  
to another world!!





I decided that it wasn't time for you to die... for the sake of the throne, national security and the Para-Guild.

You died, mother...

How many times have I told you... You mustn't use your powers like that.

Is that all?

I see.

Yes..

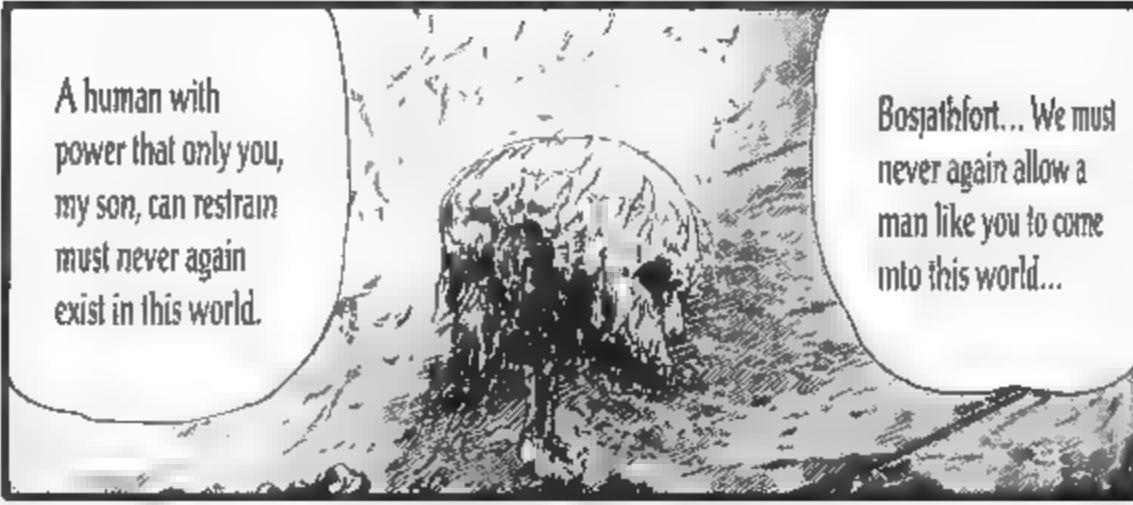
...but a human being has died here... Take off your masks and show some bereavement in his passing.

Awake, everyone... He was an evil man.



Oh my!

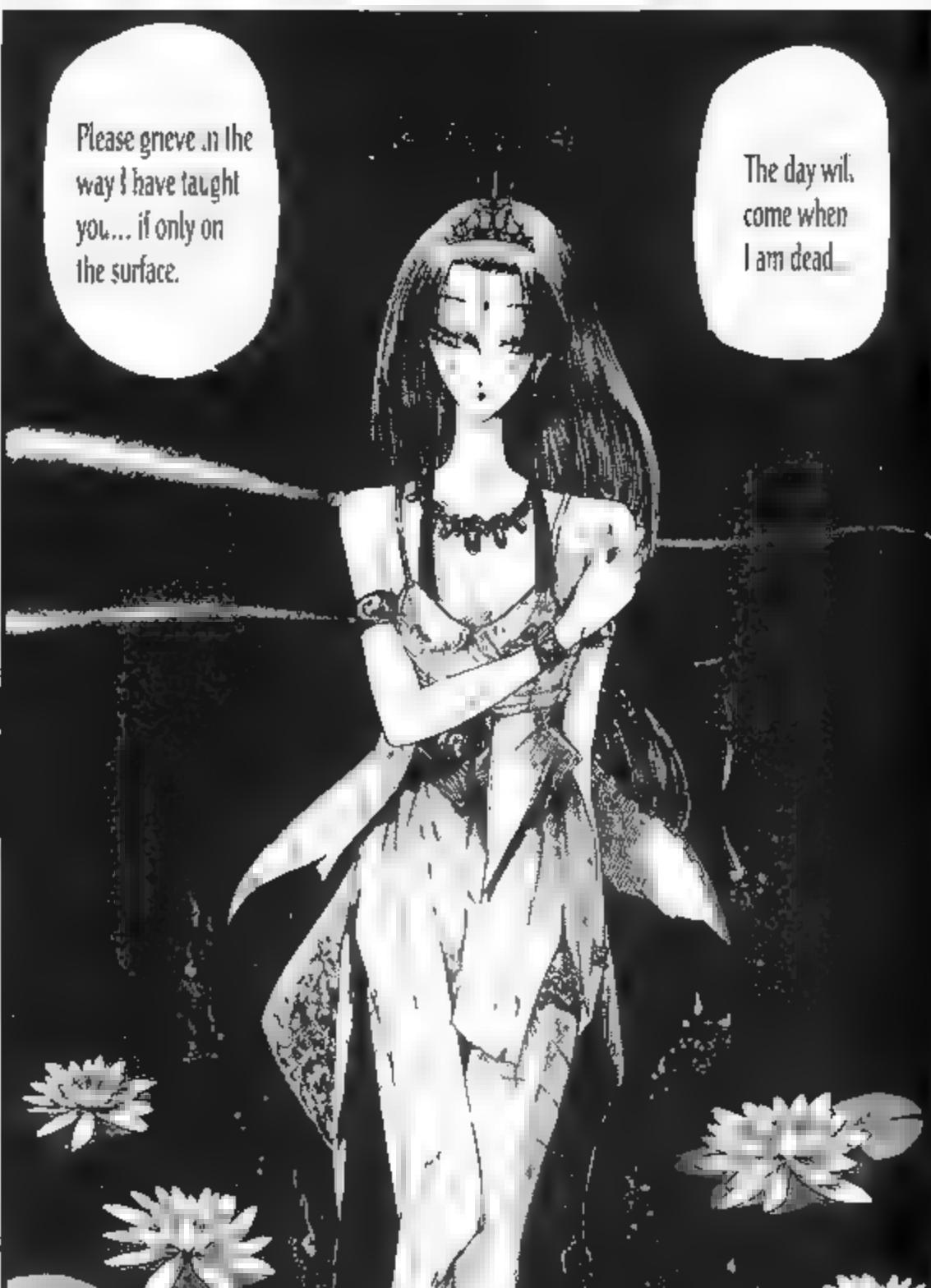
A human with power that only you, my son, can restrain must never again exist in this world.



Bosjathfort... We must never again allow a man like you to come into this world...



Sopp your like one of those old binary computers, all (1) or nothing (0), a quality probably indispensable for anyone who wields super powers.



Please grieve in the way I have taught you... if only on the surface.

The day will come when I am dead...

J.C. 2992

It's tiny... but...  
heavy... It has an  
extremely heavy  
existence... Kastempo!

Oh look! There's a  
little ray of light in  
the vanishing flash.  
What could that be?

What could have  
caused such an  
explosion? ...It was  
as huge as a planet!

Some huge some-  
thing in Kastempo is  
vanishing... and  
something else is  
appearing!

Who could be  
in possession of  
a force the size  
of Both?

It's gone! What  
a huge burst of  
energy that was!



Alone! ...That's right! The Knight of Gold is being remodeled and all the Crosses and LEDs are being space tested... There're no Mirages left.

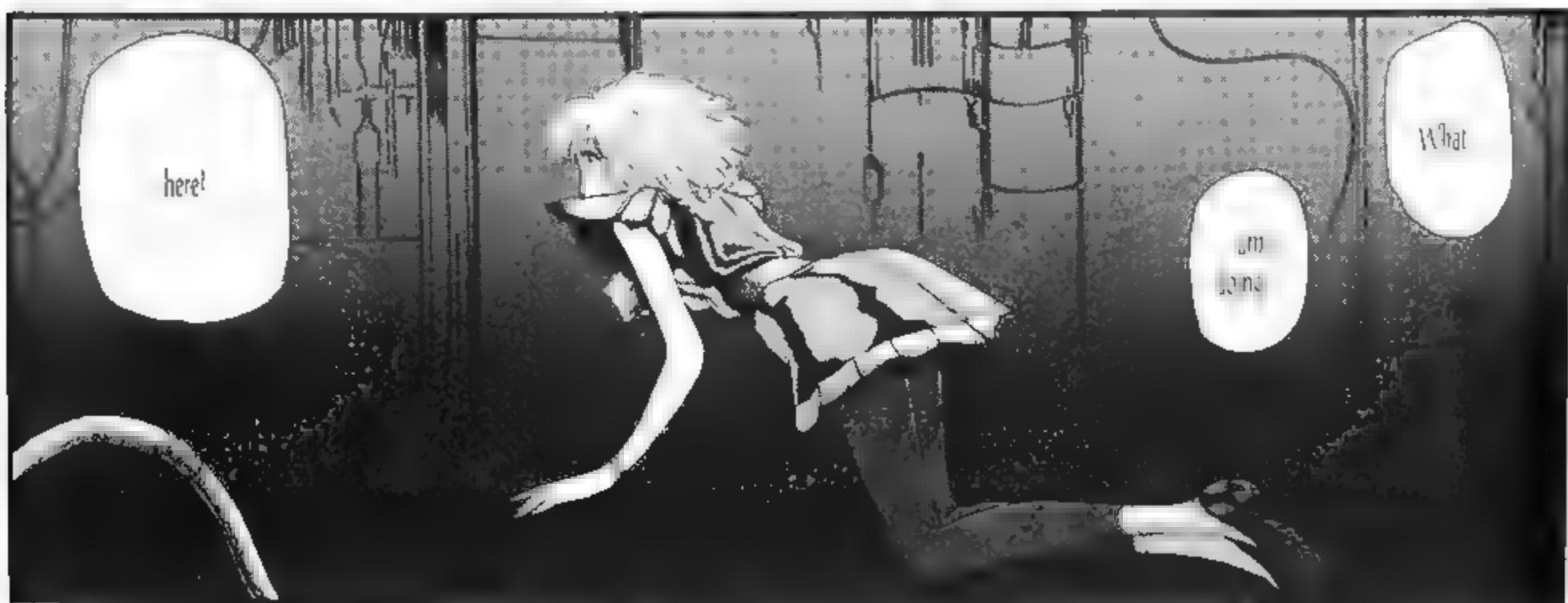


He said that something was going to happen on Both...



## What about Lachesis?

Well, His Majesty knows what he's doing and will no doubt take it one step at a time.



hepat

What



Hunt

I must be lost again...

Hmm

You have to  
pass through over  
ten special gates to  
get in here.

Thanks.

Hey, little girl!  
Would you  
mind flickin'  
that case over in  
this direction?

U-huh  
What's that?  
... And who  
are you?

...Fanatic  
Lachesis, right?

Not even the  
Mirages can find  
their way in here to  
the Demon Tower.  
Oh yeah... You're

I'm Schaft, one of the  
Emperor's assassin  
running dogs.

These! They're "brain  
crackers,"\* drugs used  
in the old days, but I  
wouldn't recommend  
them to humans.

And why don't you  
say hello to my  
partner over there?

The exit's  
over there

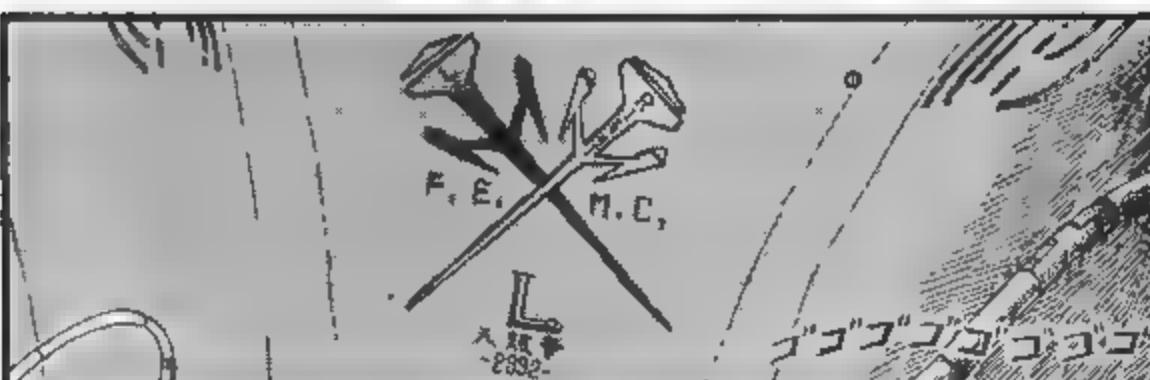
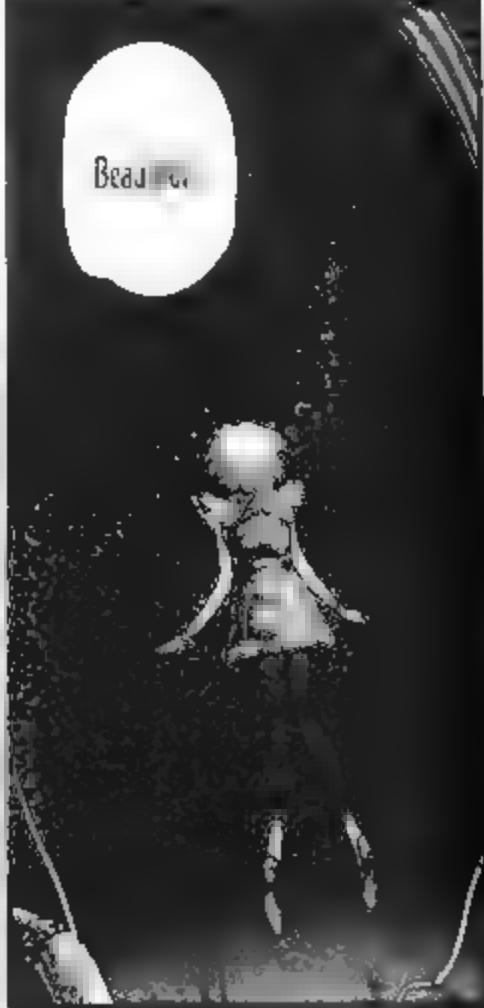
I bet that would raise  
the cutest blood  
curling scream...  
he-he-he!



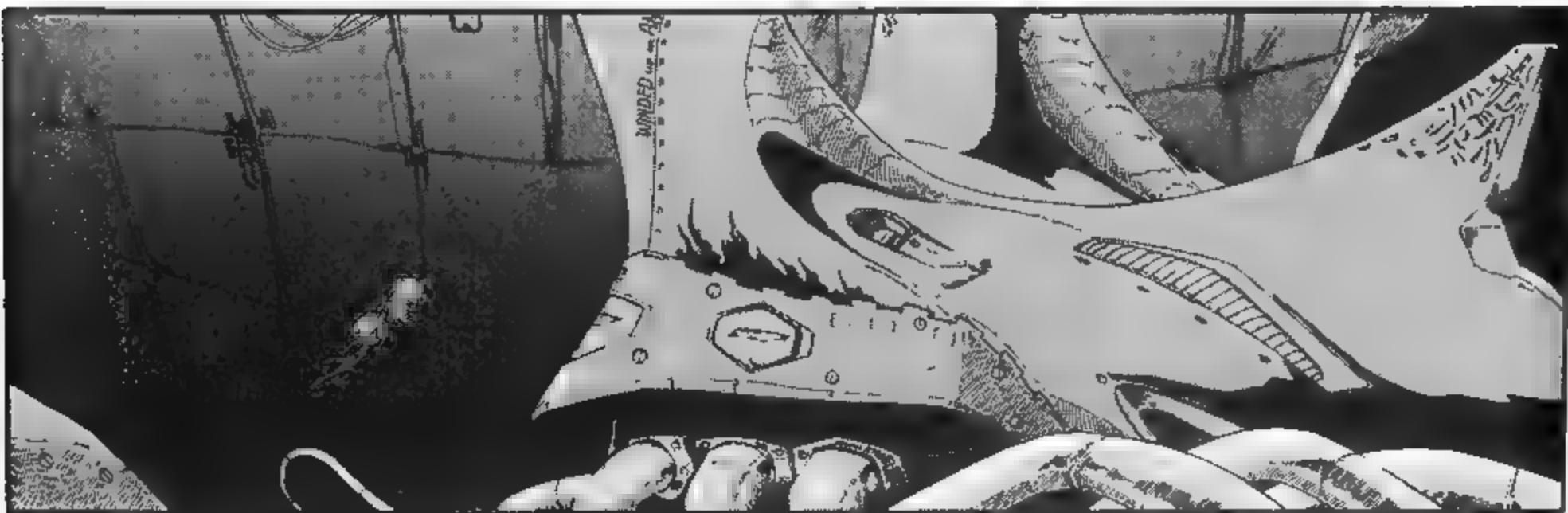
She's beautiful. Someone whose  
arms and legs you'd like to cut  
off and chop up, then cut her  
open and suck her guts out...  
MMM-mmm.



Beau...



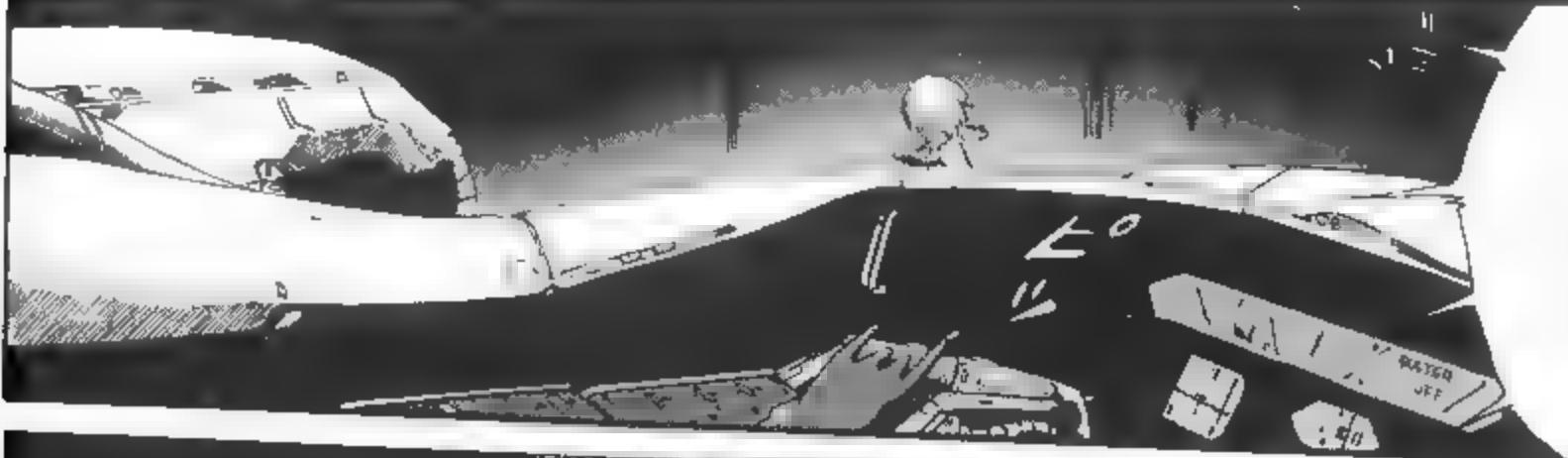
It's got a big cockpit  
with connecting  
headliner and latuma  
compartments



Sopp showed it to  
me. Looks like  
it's finished



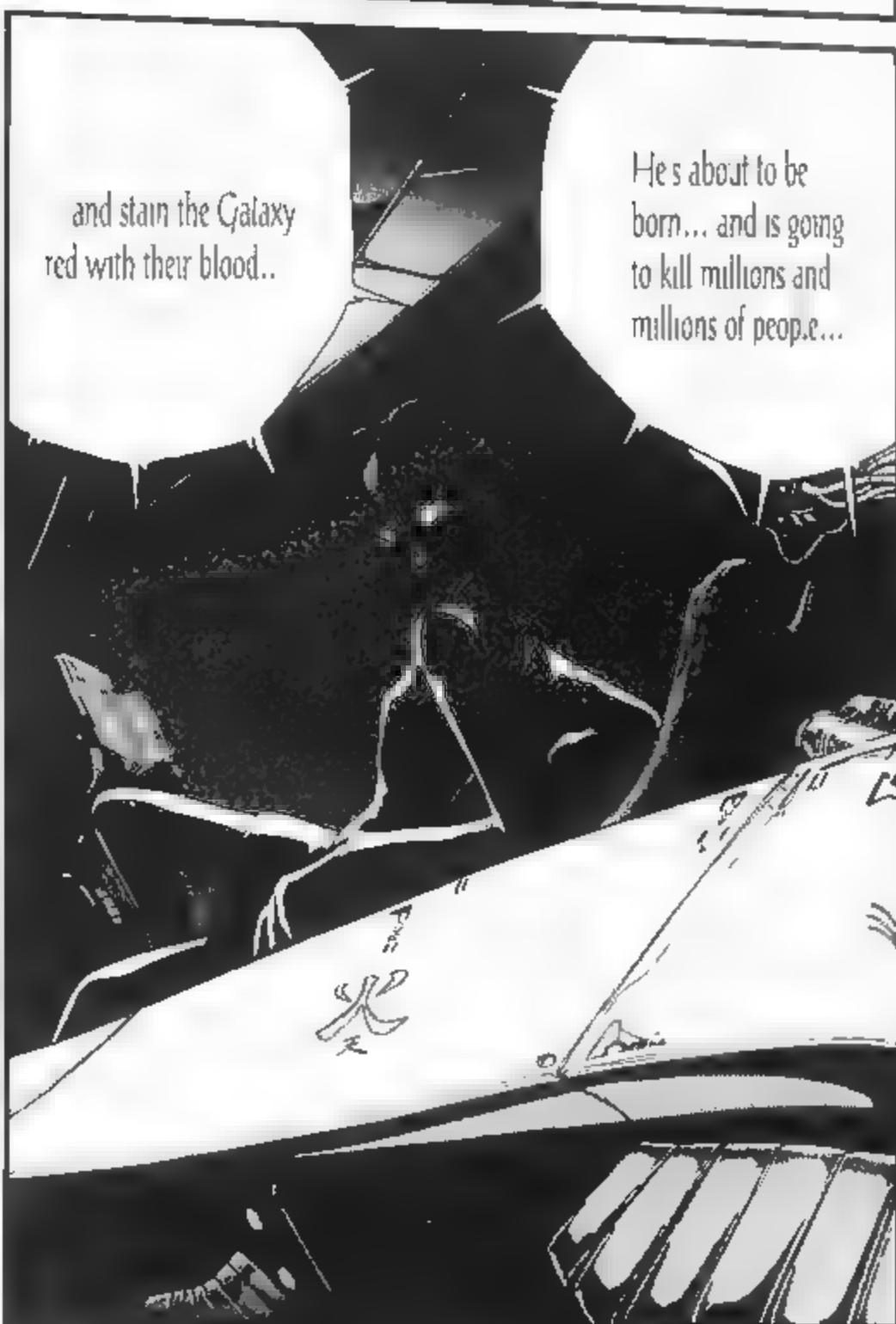
know this one



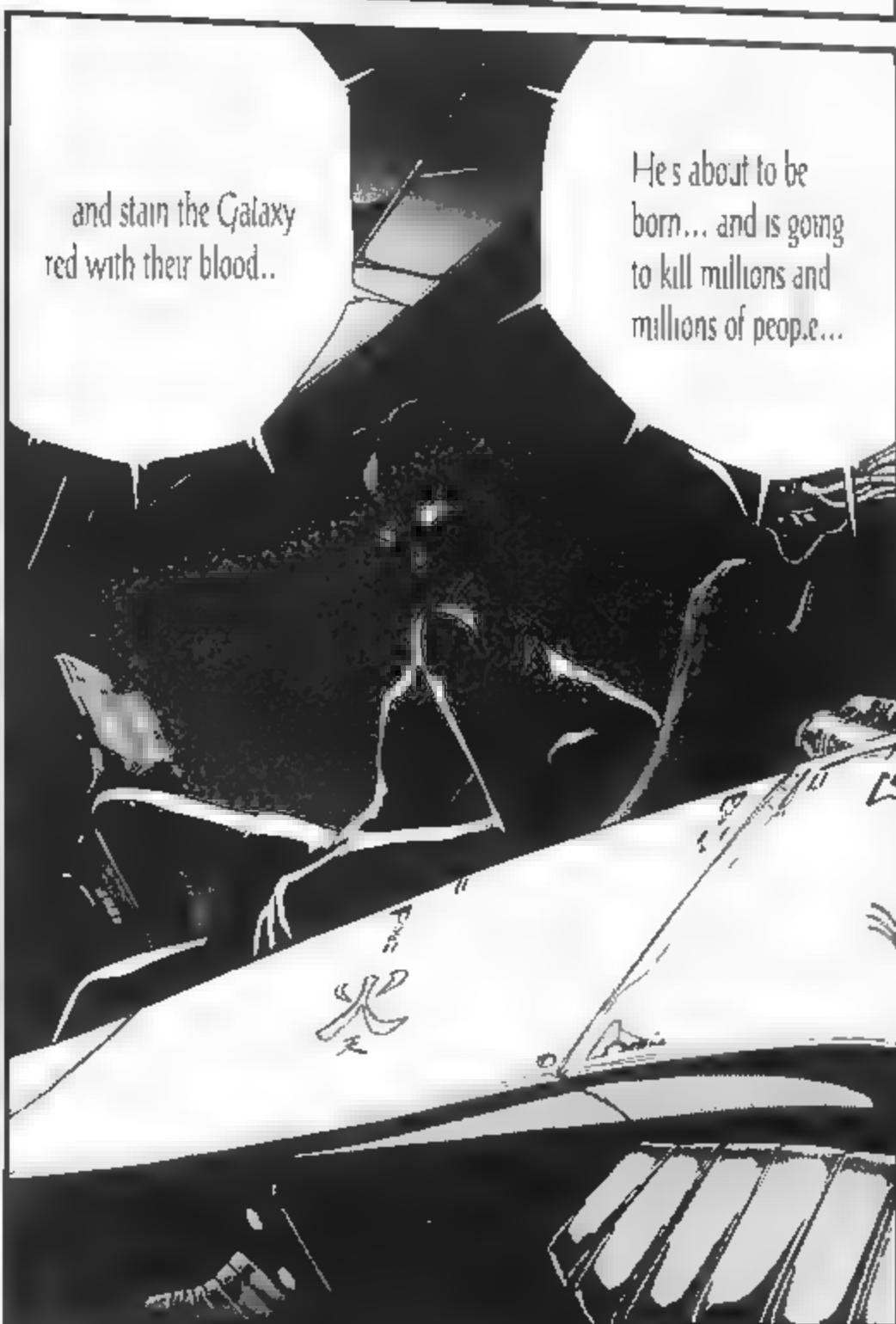
That's right... It doesn't need separate controls... You and your master control it together...



There will be no end to the silence.  
Weigh anchor!



and stain the Galaxy red with their blood..



He's about to be born... and is going to kill millions and millions of people...



He will engulf Joker in flames!



Big sister!



An age of holocaust  
will soon be upon us!

It's about a beautiful princess who wages a solitary struggle against an evil order of knights and devils from an alien world.

Maybe I won't tell him after all.

What a wasle.  
What a wasle!

In search of time's hidden treasure, maybe?

Or to do battle with demons lurking in the darkness!

Ever on an eternal voyage of courageous exploits.

Where is he headed, pray tell?

Ahoy! Our glorious Emperor... hooray!

Hey!

But I think I'll just go back to sleep and forget about it.

I had a story to amuse His Majesty with...

If the ghosts and demons of the Para-Miracle start acting up, there's always Sachier... and Empress Mikoto will probably be on hand...

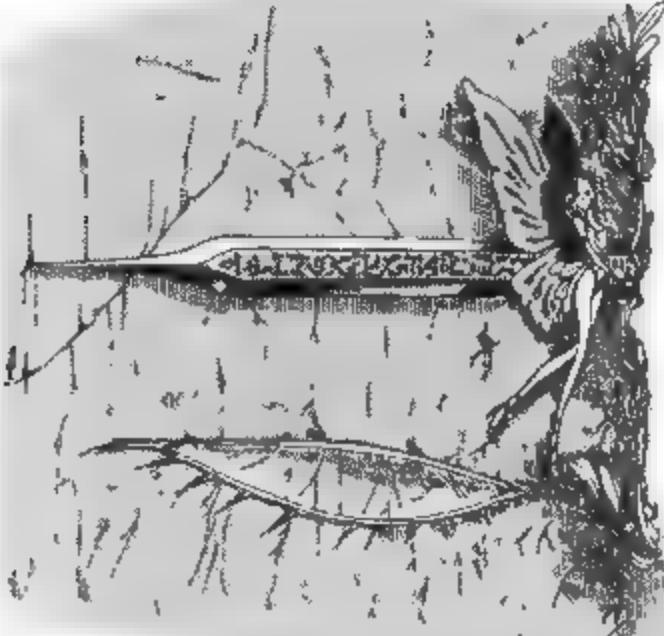
This is a hell of a mess! I'm feeling uneasy. Something's about to happen...

There are no Mirages... not even one mortal headd... and the Emperor's away.

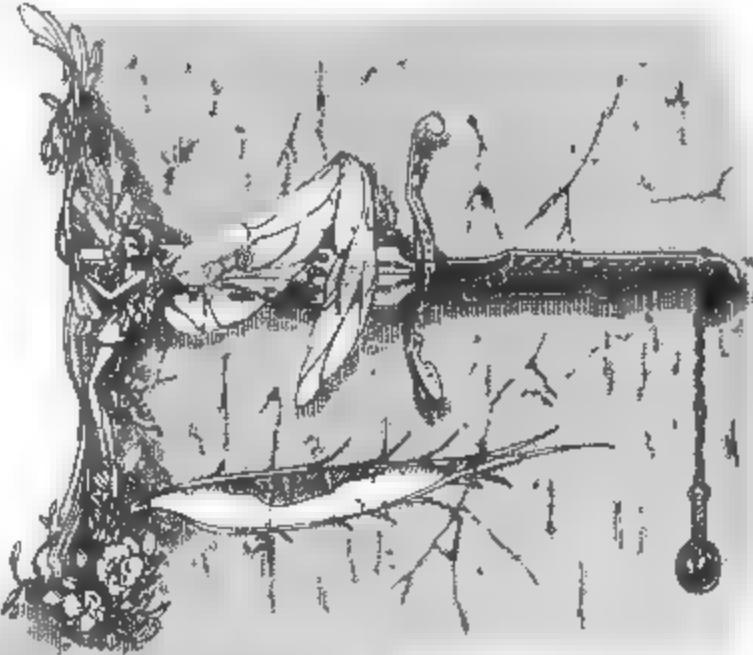
Why on earth it was necessary to summon the likes of him to the castle is beyond the comprehension of at least this old fashioned Dageiran Ross.

...with Rogner, Land, and Aisha all gone, there is no way that Hind and Lonn could handle those monsters in the Demon Tower.

# WaterDragon



Once upon a time, long, long ago,  
at a time no one can recall,  
when there were no machines  
or automobiles or clocks, and  
everyone had to tell time by the  
position of the Sun...



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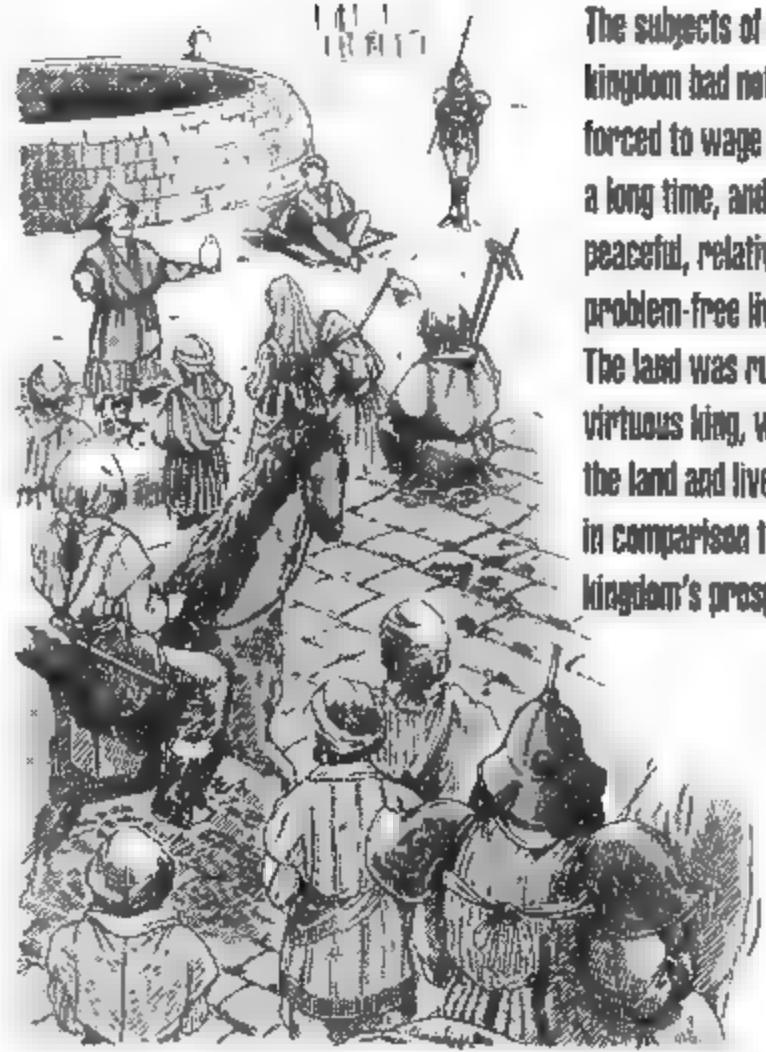
へ五つの星の物語より

There was a prosperous kingdom, not too big and not  
too small, situated on the shores of a lake...





unlike a certain present day ruler who uses his empire's wealth to build floating temples and the like. Of course, a floating temple would have been impossible to build in those days.



The subjects of the kingdom had not been forced to wage war for a long time, and lived peaceful, relatively problem-free lives. The land was ruled by a virtuous king, who loved the land and lived simply in comparison to the kingdom's prosperity,

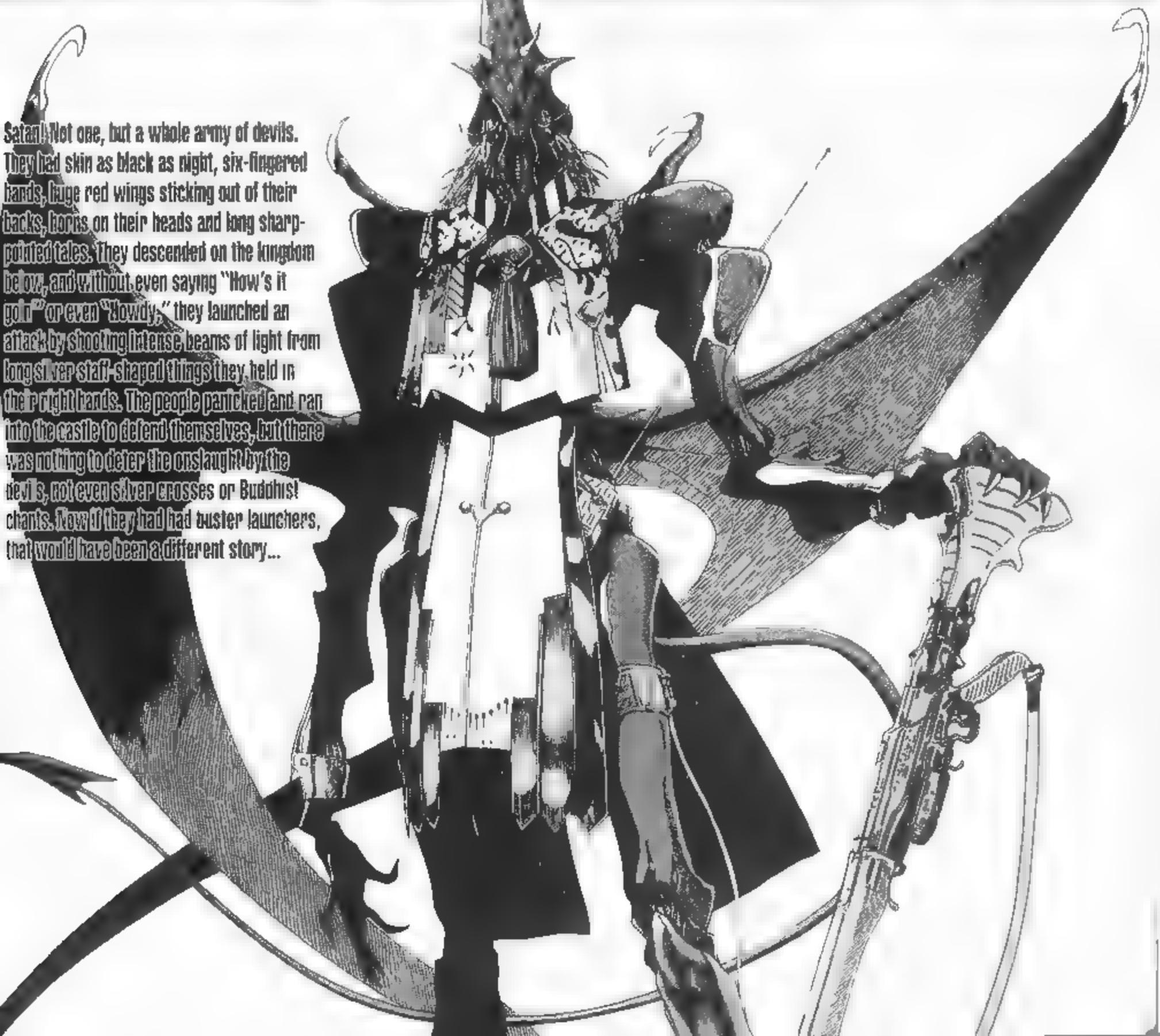
The king's daughter was a beautiful princess who, many claimed, was more concerned for the land and people than even her father. Everyday she would go to the castle's underground spring to pray for continuing peace throughout the land.  
But [yes, but]...



One day the sky above the kingdom was filled with a fleet of huge ships. The noise of their engines were ear-shattering. What appeared from inside the ships was none other than...



Satan! Not one, but a whole army of devils. They had skin as black as night, six-fingered hands, huge red wings sticking out of their backs, horns on their heads and long sharp-pointed tails. They descended on the kingdom below, and without even saying "How's it goin'" or even "Howdy," they launched an attack by shooting intense beams of light from long silver staff-shaped things they held in their right hands. The people panicked and ran into the castle to defend themselves, but there was nothing to deter the onslaught by the devils, not even silver crosses or Buddhist chants. Now if they had had tuster launchers, that would have been a different story...



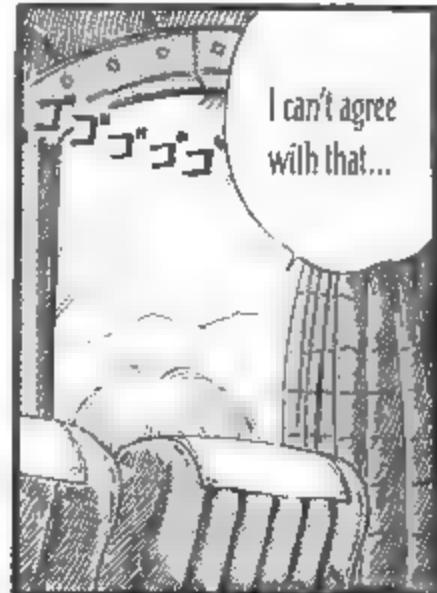


Finally, the devils stormed the castle, and the one with the most magnificent set of horns confronted the king, saying, "I am DPQL. I have heard that this planet possesses the 'Water of Life'. Give it to me or I will reduce you all to ashes." It was a simple and straight forward enough request, and quite easy to understand. Why try to wax eloquent or beat around the bush and start a fight or something?



"The 'Water of Life'?" replied the king, who didn't know what the invader was talking about; and neither did the princess, the elders nor even the kingdom's wisest scholars. It was something no one had ever seen or even heard about. Now if it was well water they wanted, there was plenty of that, but...

So the king asked, "Could you be a little more specific about this 'Water of Life'?"  
"Don't tell me you don't know!" shouted proud-horns.  
"Here's something to juggle your memory... A display of my power... A light spectacle never before witnessed on this planet."



Then all of a sudden from one of the huge ships flashes of light rained down upon the town around the castle. They continued until the morning of the third day, and half of the kingdom was reduced to ashes. That's one light extravaganza I think I'll pass on. As a result, many people were killed, houses and fields destroyed, and all the fish in the lake perished.





Satan, the Prince of Darkness, then said to the king, "The 'Water of Life' is a magic water that will fulfill every possible wish. It will enable us to conquer every universe and dimension in existence."

What a predicament! Either everyone's going to be massacred if these Beelzebub here doesn't get what he wants, or something possibly even worse is going to happen if he gets it.

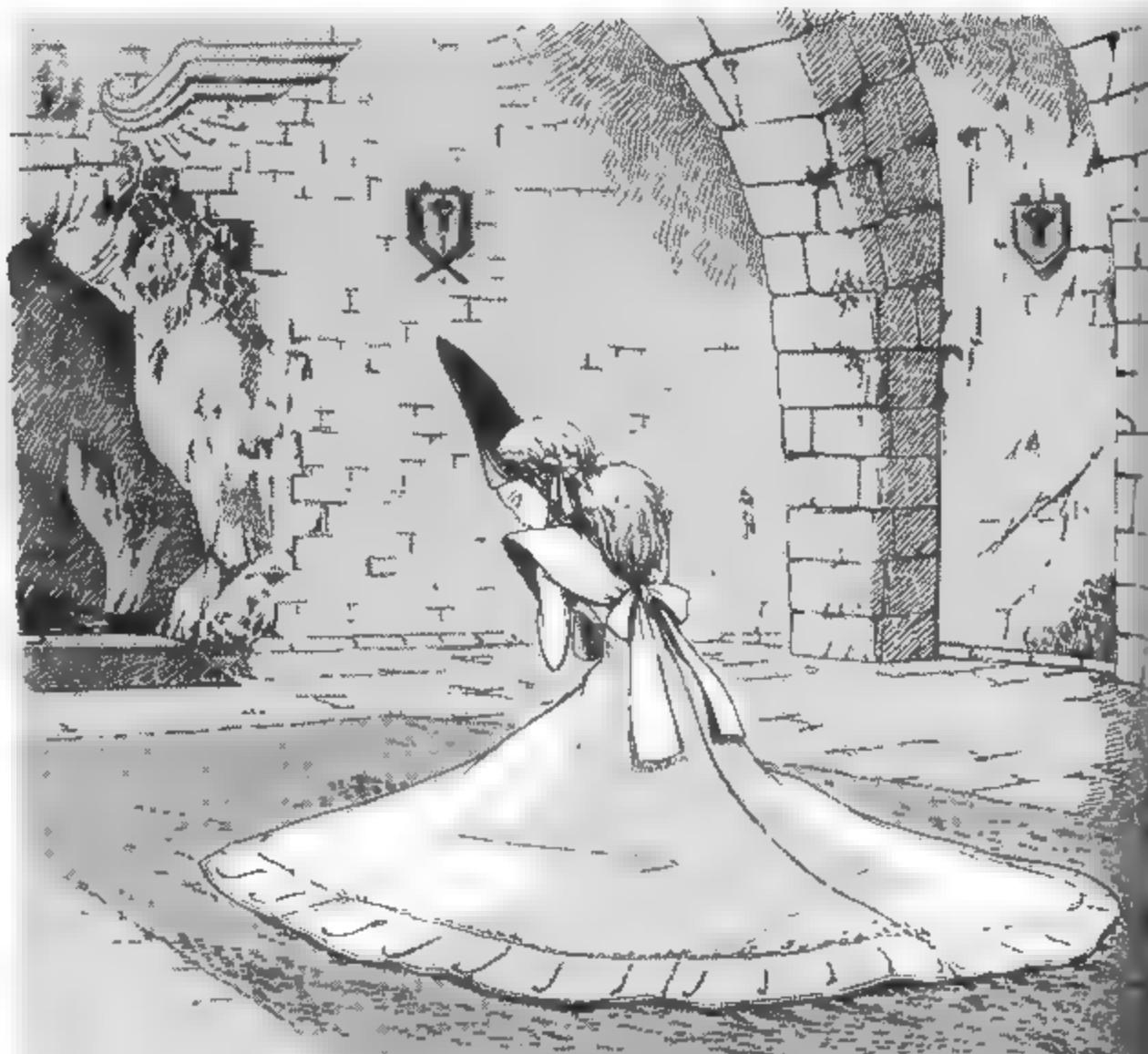
Hearing all of this, the beautiful princess suddenly thought of the spring in the basement of the castle, where she prayed everyday. It may not be the water that the devils are looking for, but she also remembered the words told to her by a woman who had heard them from the woman's mother, who was the wet nurse of the princess' grandmother and had heard them from the dowager. "You can save the kingdom by giving in return the most precious thing in your possession."

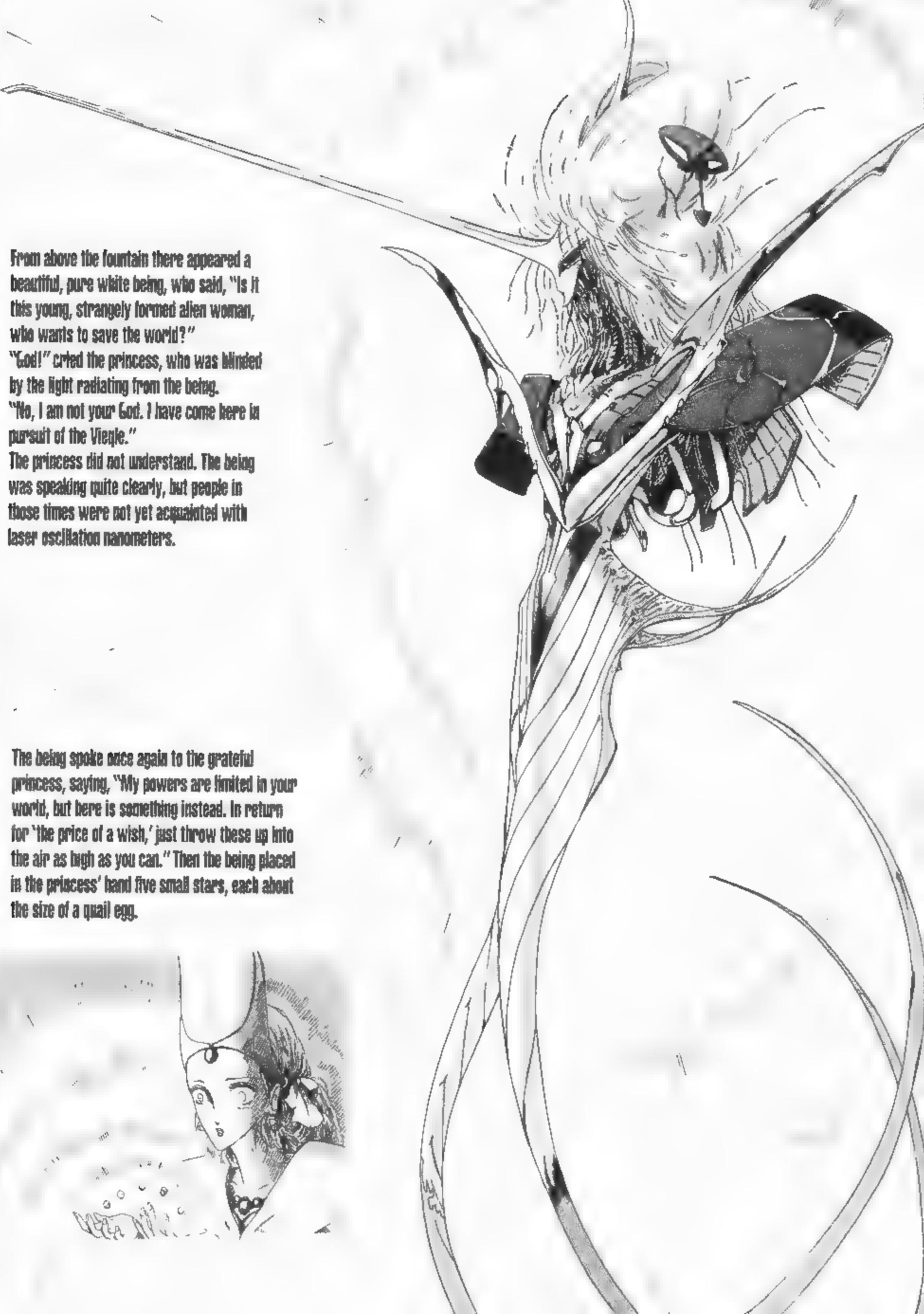
The princess then went secretly to the underground spring and began to pray, saying, "Please save our kingdom and return us to the days of peace and safety." For three days and three nights the princess knelt and prayed by the fountain without food or drink. "Salvation . . ." was the last word she uttered before hunger and fatigue silenced her voice.

Finally completely out of strength, she collapsed in front of the fountain.



It was then that a warm light arose out of the spring.





From above the fountain there appeared a beautiful, pure white being, who said, "Is it this young, strangely formed alien woman, who wants to save the world?"

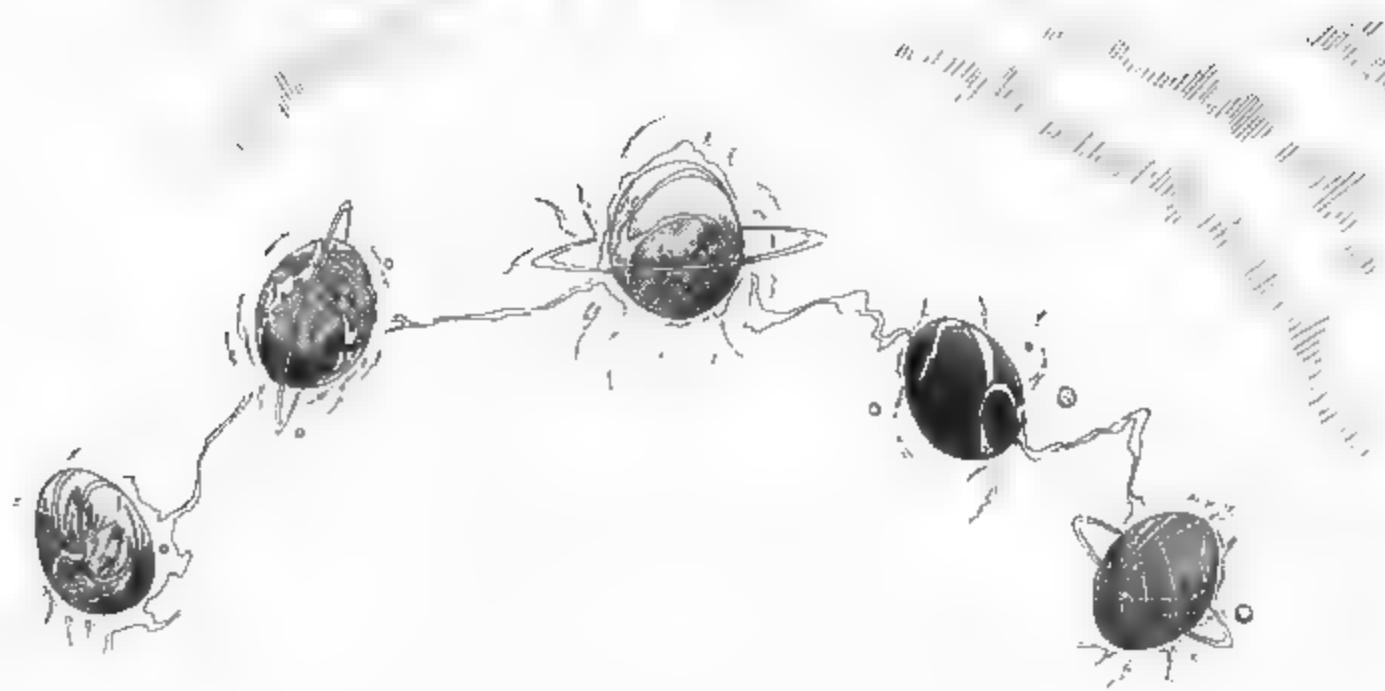
"God!" cried the princess, who was blinded by the light radiating from the being.

"No, I am not your God. I have come here in pursuit of the Viegle."

The princess did not understand. The being was speaking quite clearly, but people in those times were not yet acquainted with laser oscillation nanometers.



The being spoke once again to the grateful princess, saying, "My powers are limited in your world, but here is something instead. In return for 'the price of a wish,' just throw these up into the air as high as you can." Then the being placed in the princess' hand five small stars, each about the size of a quail egg.



The princess asked, "What are these?" and the being replied, "They are Klein, stars for wish-making."

The blue one is called "Delta Belum," the black one "Kalamity Godarce," the gold one "Both," the green one "Juno," and the white one "Fortune."

Then the being began to disappear, so the princess called out, "Tell me your name, oh divine one!"

The being answered, "I am the Sairee, the Water Dragon, one of the omni-dimensional, omniscient ARCHs. And let me tell you something, wishes are granted in return for a price, not by just praying for them." Then the light extinguished.

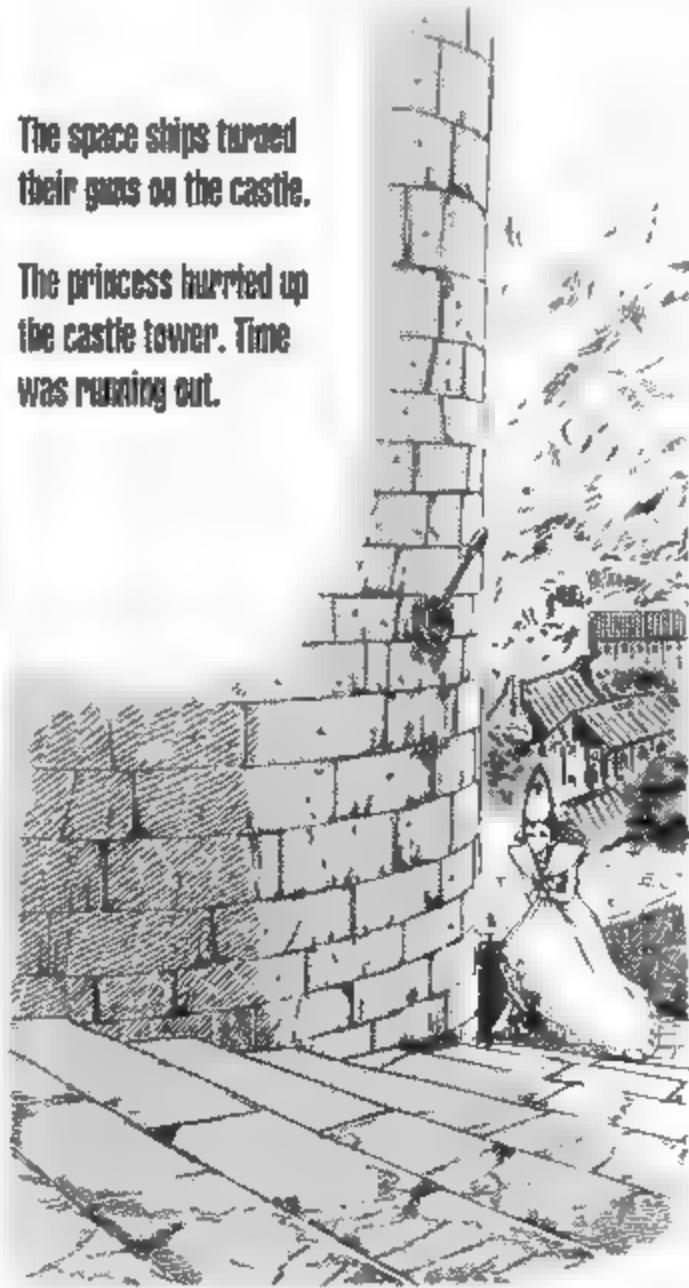


Viegle... That was the name of the devils! The princess clutched the stars to her bosom and returned to the castle chamber, where OPOL was telling the king, "We now understand that you indeed know nothing about the Water of Life. So after we destroy you, we'll look for it ourselves." They "understood" nothing, actually for they were still devils bereft of tears in their eyes and blood in their veins.



The space ships turned their guns on the castle.

The princess hurried up the castle tower. Time was running out.



But nothing happened. "Oh my, they've gone out..."  
Was it that the princess' wish wasn't heard? Then she heard a voice in her head saying, "Wish are granted in return for a price..."

Reaching the top, she buried the five stars up into the air with all her might.

The stars first burned brightly, then extinguished...

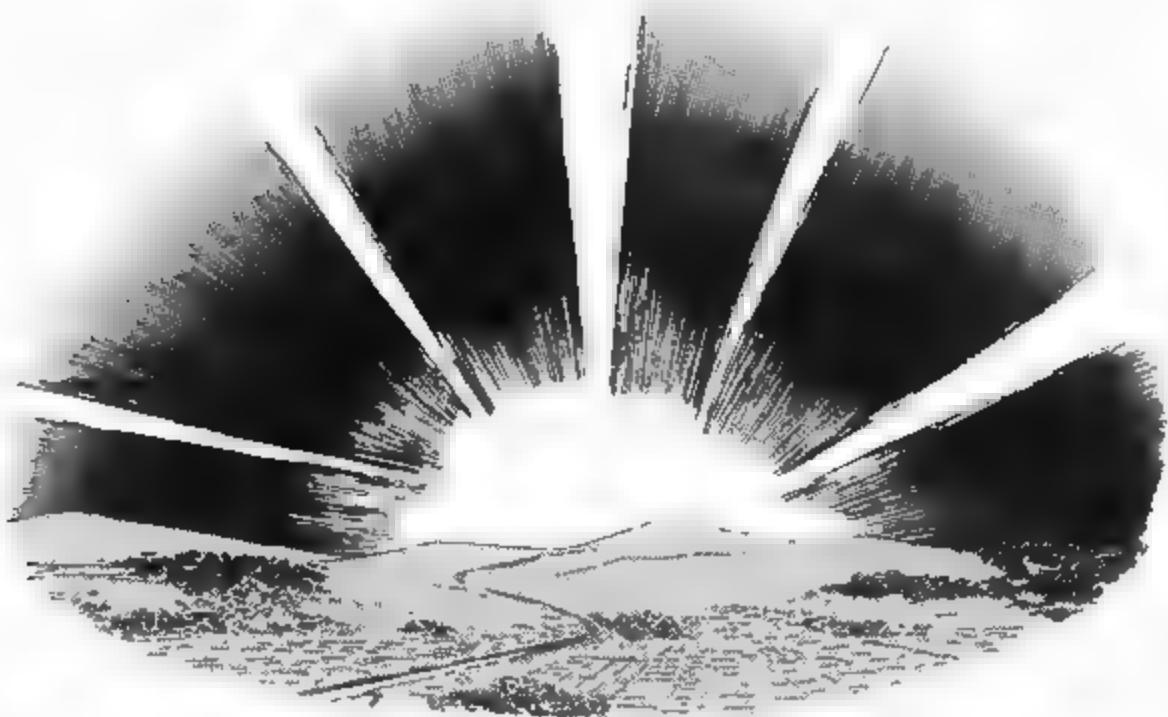
"You're right! And my price is my most precious possession... my life."



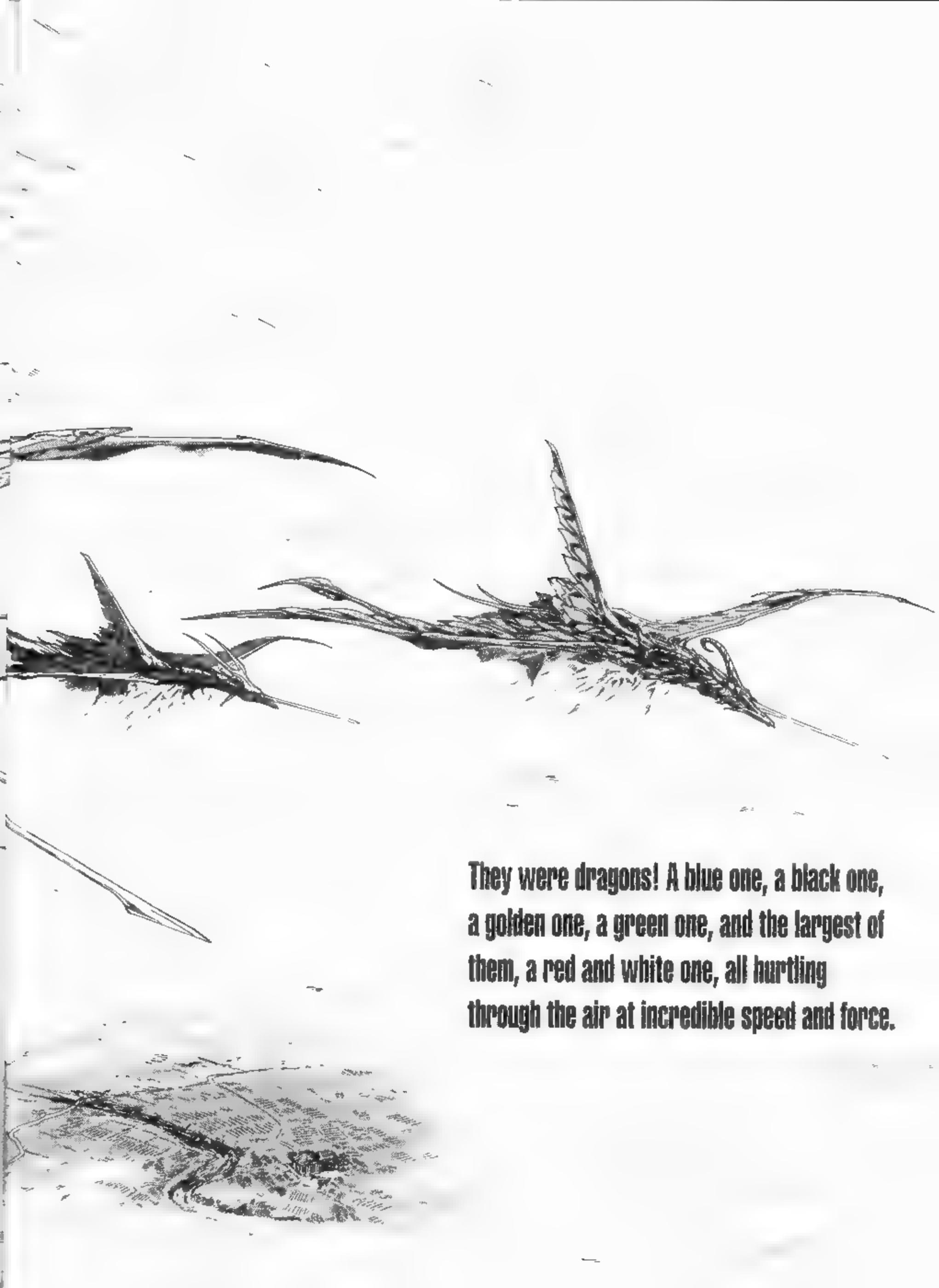
So the princess threw herself off the tower.

As she lost consciousness, the stars she had hurled in the air began to light up again.

Far off on the horizon, five bright rays of light appeared, grew more and more intense, then suddenly extinguished.



What everybody, the king, his people and of course those satanic S.O.B.s, saw then were five objects flying out of the fading afterglow of the light right towards the castle.

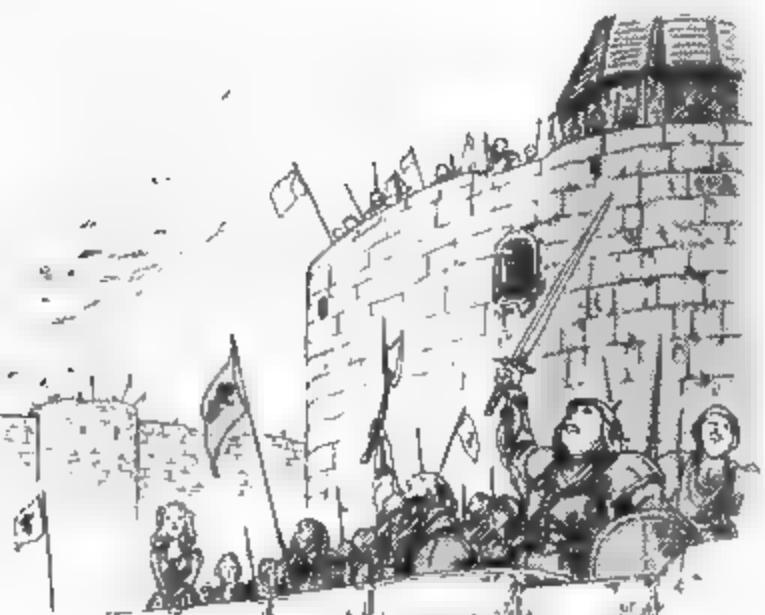


**They were dragons! A blue one, a black one, a golden one, a green one, and the largest of them, a red and white one, all hurtling through the air at incredible speed and force.**



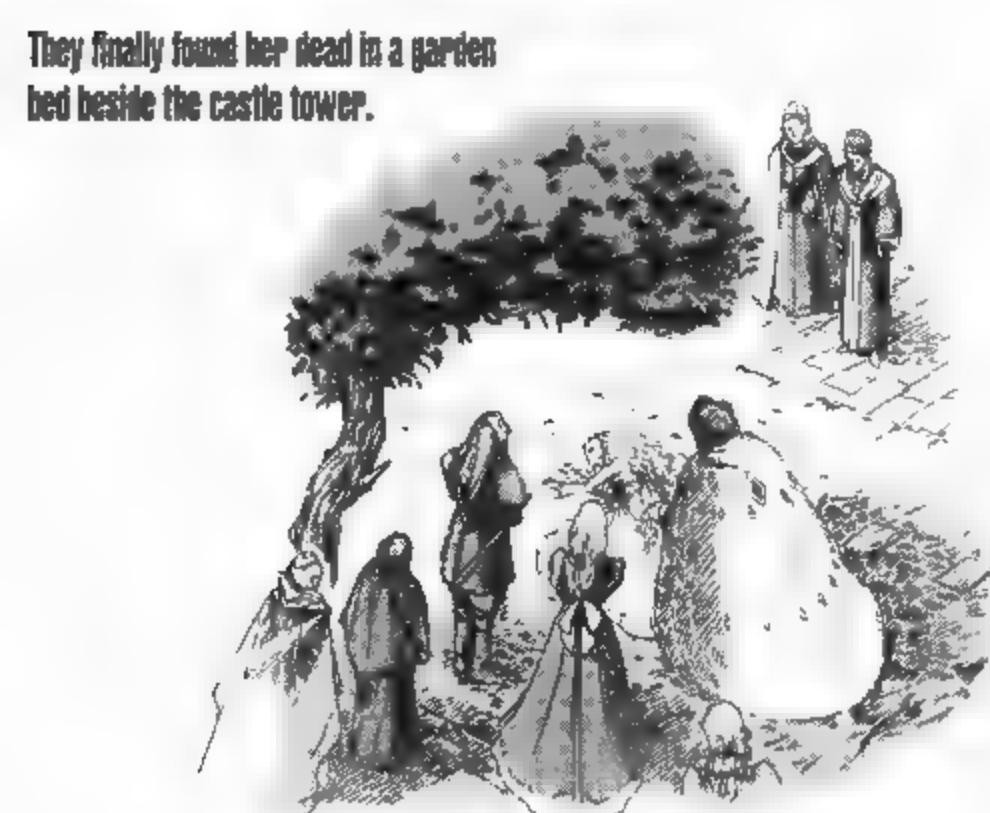


The dragons attacked the devils' ships with lasers fired from the horns in their heads, destroying one craft after another. What power! Most of the return fire from the alien ships was deflected back upon them.



Even the Prince of Darkness has his limits. "Shit on a brick! We're leaving, but we'll be back as many times as it takes to find the Water of Life." What a bragger! You see, Satan can't help being a pretentious bore. Anyway, the devils fled and the kingdom was saved.

Relief welled up from among the people and filled the air... although they hadn't done damn thing help to repel the monsters. And after the king ordered that preparations be made for a celebration banquet, he noticed that the princess was nowhere to be found.



They finally found her dead in a garden bed beside the castle tower.



Everyone gathered around. The king was in shock.



Then the largest of the dragons, the red and white one, flew down and said something in a voice so wondrous that it echoed above everyone's heads.

"The princess paid with her life in return for our help. It is a deed that is the equivalent of eternity." This is how the people became aware that the princess had sacrificed her life to save their kingdom.

The dragon continued, "The princess could be brought back to life, but it was her wish and payment for it that saved you. The dead should not be restored to life, but she can go to the same world as ours, in order to protect this kingdom forever."

How about that! The princess' body then began to disappear. Actually, it lit up very brightly and ascended slowly into the heavens.



It was that brightly lit container of water that held the real Water of Life. The red and white dragon then said, "I am LED. I originated from her wish. Together with the eternal memory of her, we will protect this world forever and live together with you.



"As long as my WATER has strength, I will rule over this land." Then the dragons flew away, one in each of the four directions, and the water dragon straight up into the firmament.



And that's how the five dragons came to live here on Both...

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First, Both is a planet settled by immigrants from other planets, who first came here in space ships. Before that it was completely deserted.

Heh-heh-heh...  
What a crock!  
Listen, sonny...

Wow! Dragons  
are really cool,  
aren't they.



There really  
was a princess,  
wasn't there!



...But that was a very long time ago... When? Nobody knows... I liked that story, didn't you!

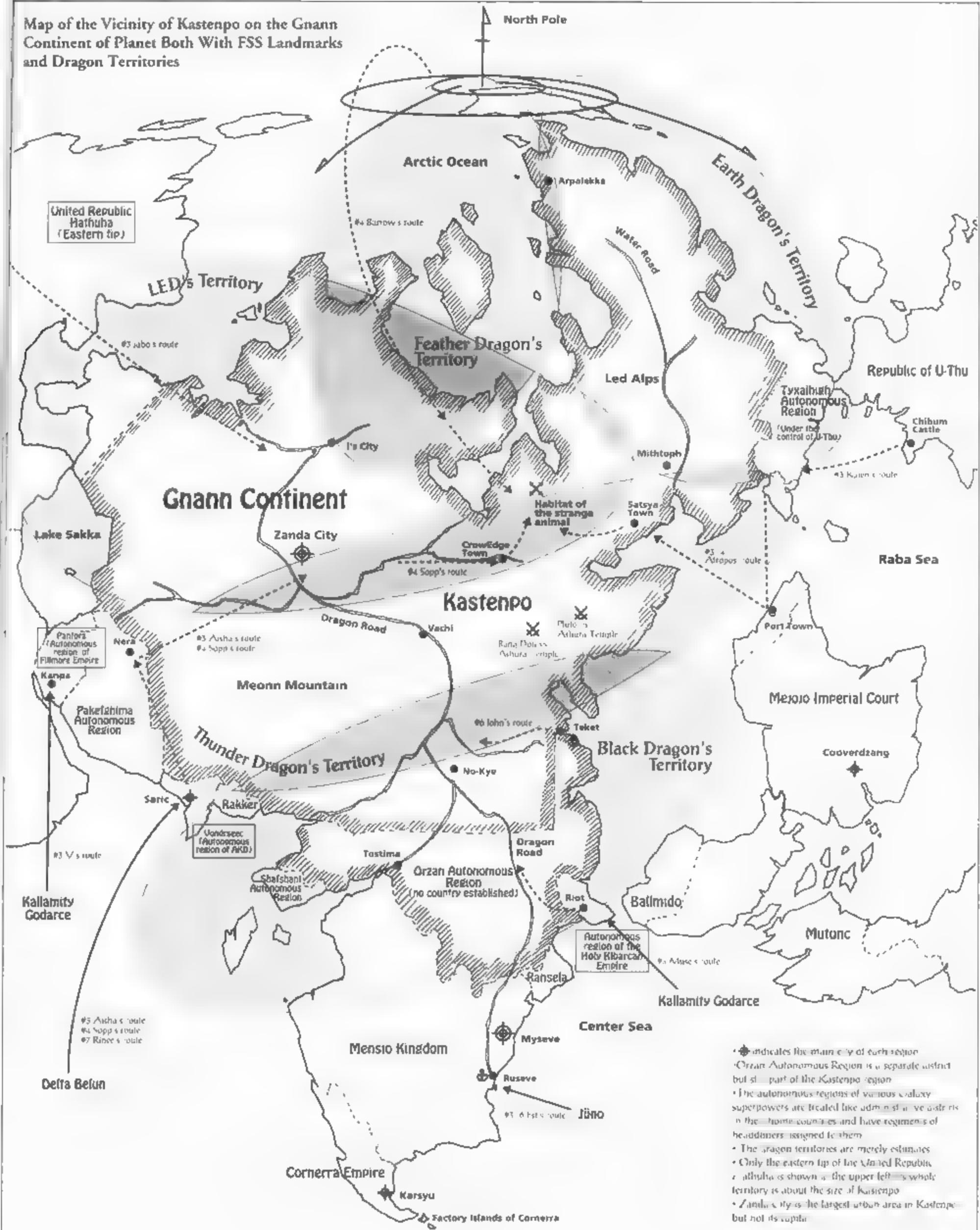
There was a princess, and there were dragons who drove out Satan and his followers..



Why do I have to get this crap in every episode?  
You talk like a girl  
One is a woman, an heirloom forgotten by a friend of mine... and the other even more troublesome... a 90 meter tall king.

I will, but the question is where I'm going to find the two of them out there...

## Map of the Vicinity of Kastenpo on the Gnann Continent of Planet Both With FSS Landmarks and Dragon Territories



- ~~indicates the main city of each region~~
- ~~Create Autonomous Region is a separate district but still part of the Kastenpo region~~
- The autonomous regions of various vassal superpowers are treated like ~~administered areas~~ in the north countries and have regiments of headmen assigned to them
- The dragon territories are merely estimates
- Only the eastern tip of the United Republic of ~~athaba~~ is shown as the upper left - whole territory is about the size of Kastenpo
- Zandur's city is the largest urban area in Kastenpo but not its capital

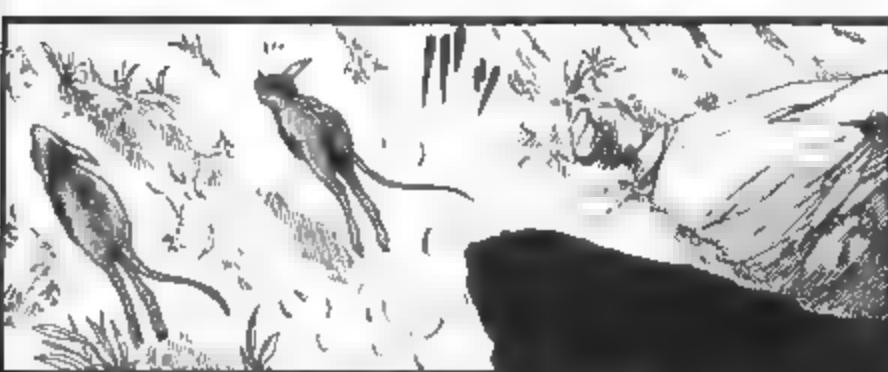
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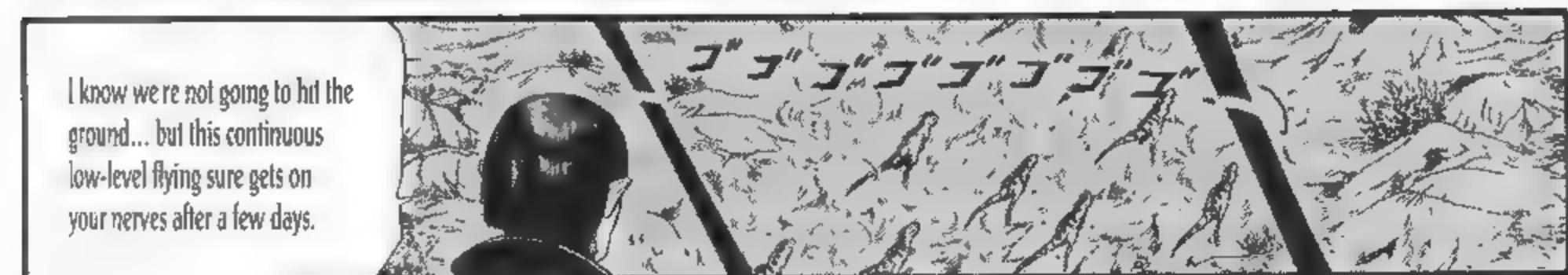
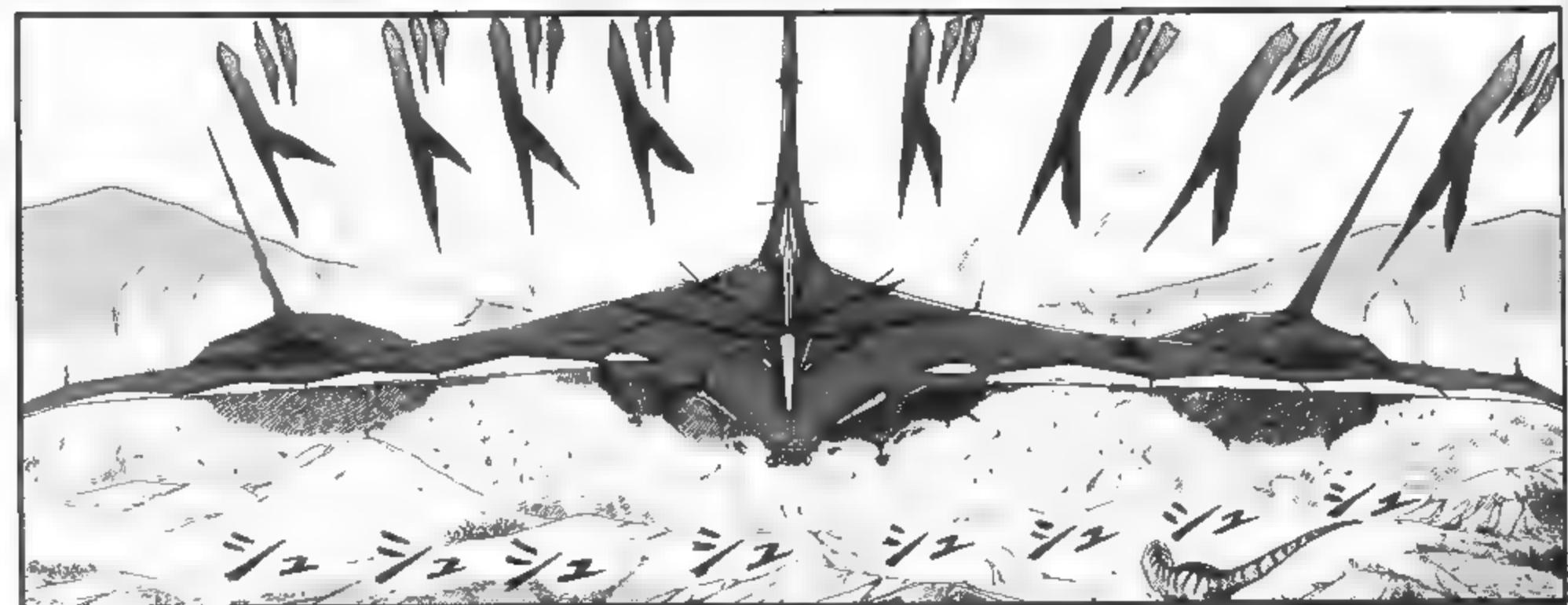
There is no entry corresponding to this year in the "ESS Chronology". It was a time of relative quiet in the Joker Galaxy. The Colus Dynasty on planet Juno was beginning to recover from the sudden loss of its king, and his widow Queen Elmclah had given birth to a son two years previous. The prince was immediately named Colus IV and the Dynasty was entrusted to the regency of Rupus Ballanche until the time of the young king's enthronement. The Ballanche castle on Adler continued to be the destination of visitors mourning the death of the illustrious scientist, due to his wishes that neither his death nor funeral arrangements be made public.

There were also rumors spreading among members of the Divers Para Guild\* about the sudden rise of an evil sorcerer Di Barrow and the fact that he had brought the small country of Seable on Bonn under his power and set up a puppet government there. It was enough to draw the attention of the Galaxy's magicians and sorcerers to the topic of diver power. This episode begins in the shadowed place known to no one.



Somewhere in  
north central  
Kastenpo, inland  
about 300km  
from Crow Edge  
Town on the  
eastern end of the  
Dragon Road.





I know we're not going to hit the ground... but this continuous low-level flying sure gets on your nerves after a few days.



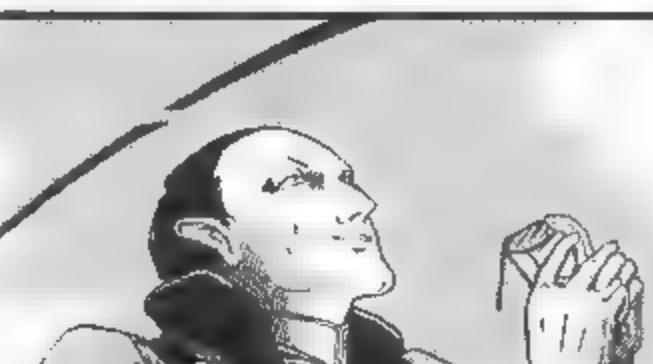
...but as long as I stay inside this magic circle, I and my powers will remain invincible . be patient for just a little longer Skat...



Spare me your solicitude! This decrepit body may be hardly able to move...



Master Barrow!! Ah .. how are you.. ah... feeling today?

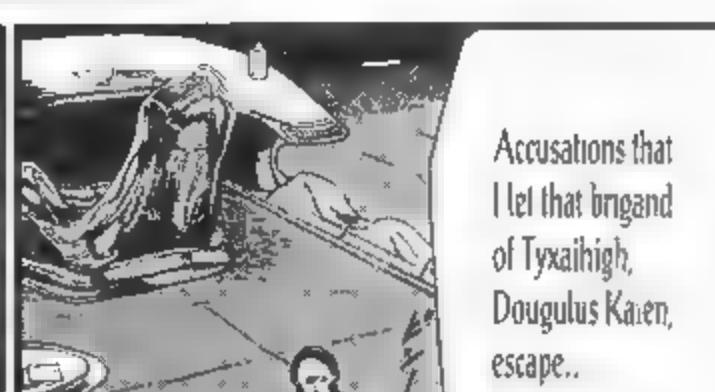


If it weren't for your influence, I would have been tried and imprisoned by U-thu for a crime I didn't commit...

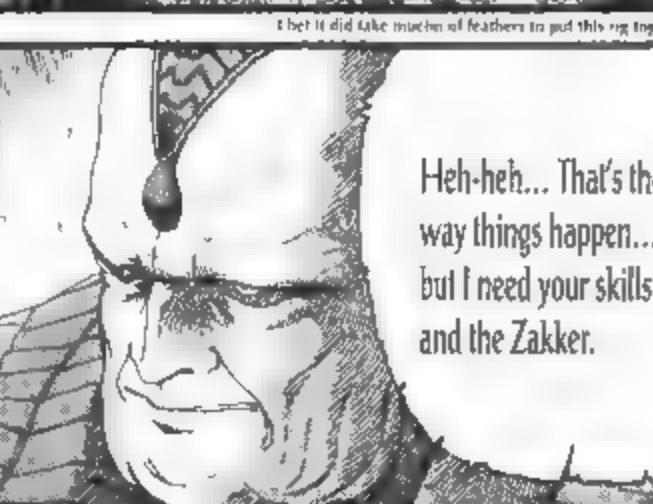
Frightened? How could I be? I am here beside the great Master Di-Barrow as captain of the guard. I would never leave your side.



Then the worst insult of all... embezzling slate funds for the Zakker, which I built out my deepest patriotism towards U-thu..

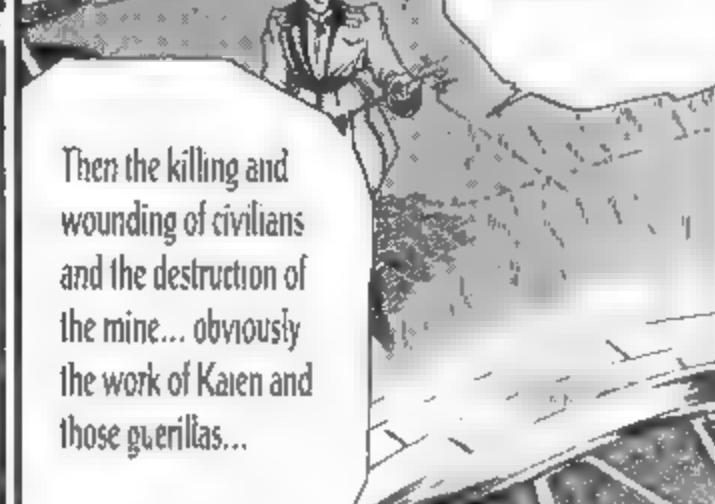


Accusations that I let that brigand of Tyxaihigh, Dougulus Kaien, escape..

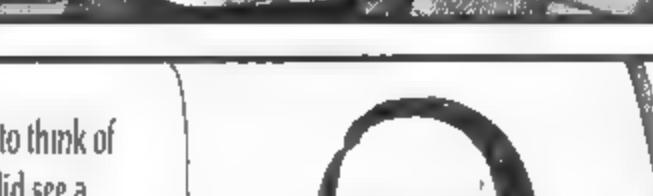


Have you met our second-in-command yet? He should have come with the supply ship this morning.

Heh-heh... That's the way things happen... but I need your skills and the Zakker.



Then the killing and wounding of civilians and the destruction of the mine... obviously the work of Kaien and those guerrillas...



I haven't had the pleasure yet, though



Come to think of it... I did see a mortar head in the container done up in ethnic style.



What? Another headliner!

We've even commandeered  
a ship equipped with an  
anti-scan system ..

Ultra-low flight  
capabilities...  
top secrets..

.when the source of  
Boly's most vital source  
is about to dissipate.

We must hurry...  
I've been waiting  
hundreds of years  
for this moment...

. that no ordinary  
person would  
understand even if  
we told him.

It must be proof that the  
LED, the undisputed  
Lord of Kastenpo, is  
near its demise ..

They mustn't find out  
about what we are  
doing... This plan  
has taken centuries  
to bring to fruition...

Only a few members of the  
Para-Guild have noticed...  
Mugumika of Hathuba...  
Sachier of the AKD...

It has even entered the  
LED's air space as if it  
were its own, flying over  
it as if it were trying to  
protect something.

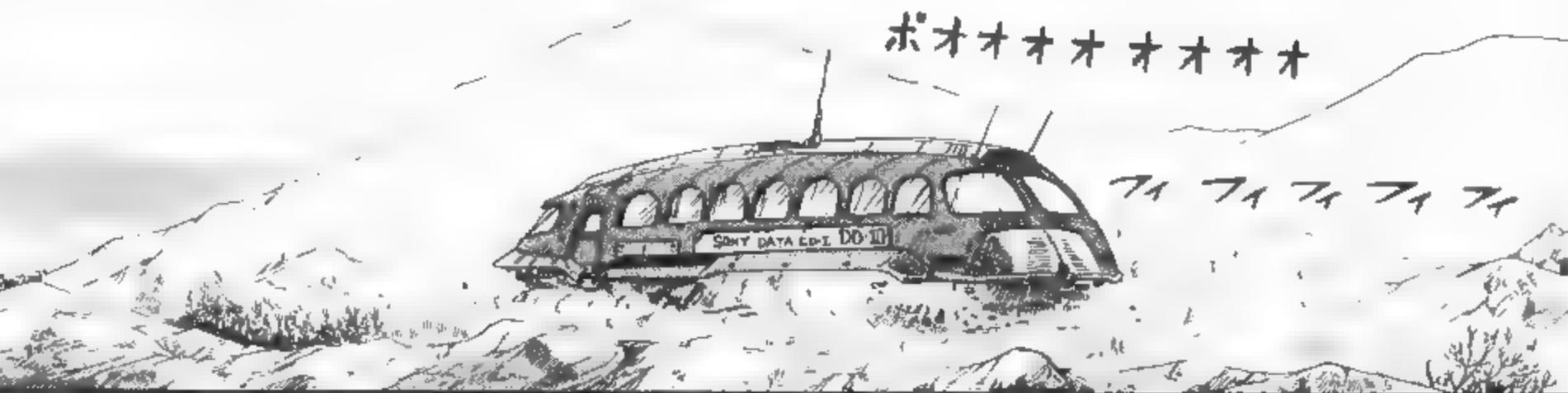
You see, Skat... For the  
past several years... the  
Thunder Dragon has been  
mysteriously flying over the  
whole Kastenpo region .

...provide us with the "Water of Life"...

We must hurry!!  
We have to find the corpse of the LED...  
which will...

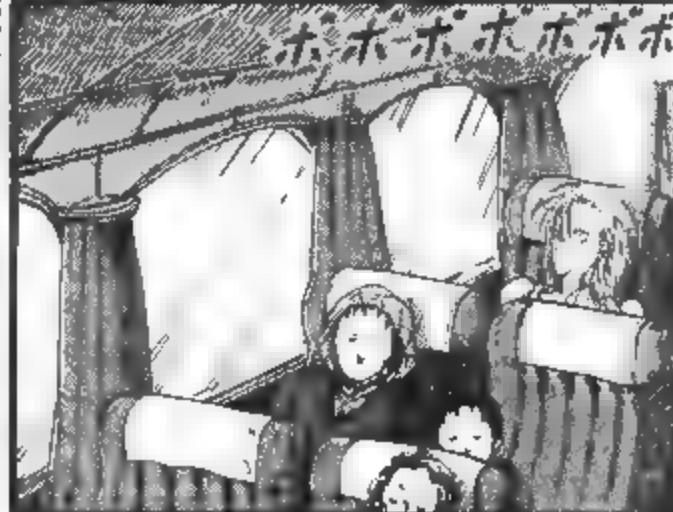
The "Water of Life" is the only thing that can topple Amaterasu from the Para-Guild's jeweled cathedra.

...control of the Divers Para-Guild, the dream of the legendary sorcerer, Bosjathfort, will finally be realized.



Kastenpo is where Sir Roados, the Black Knight met his end...

Come to think of it...



Maybe Est is still wandering around here looking for a new master... Morard must be worried out of his mind...

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Who could have killed him?  
...Est is still missing...  
Looks like the Black Knighthood will end after only two generations...

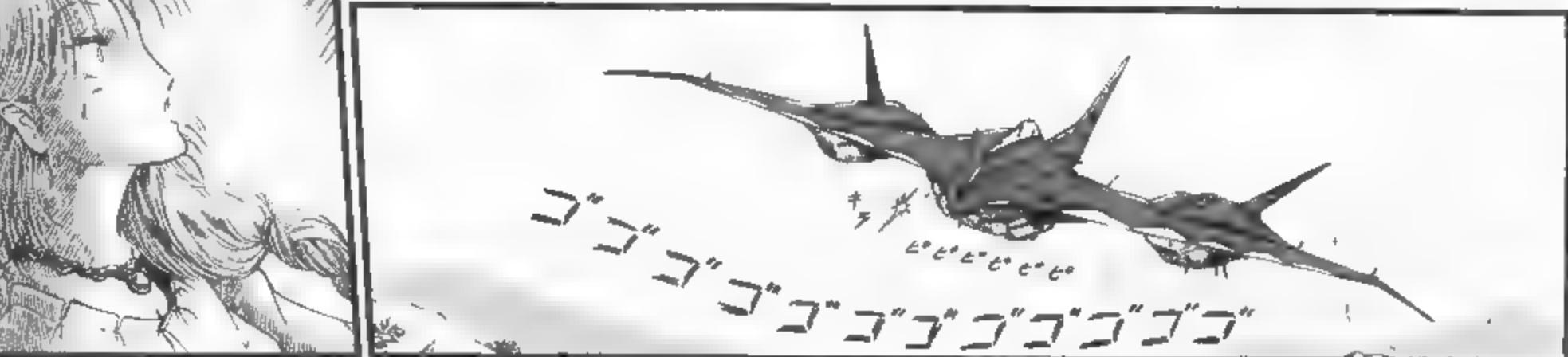
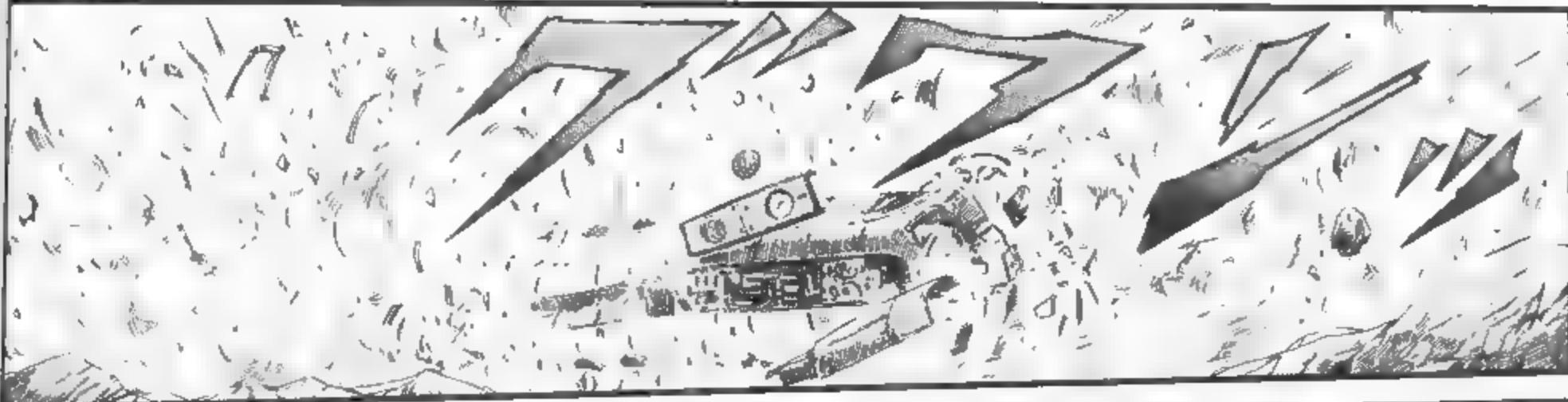
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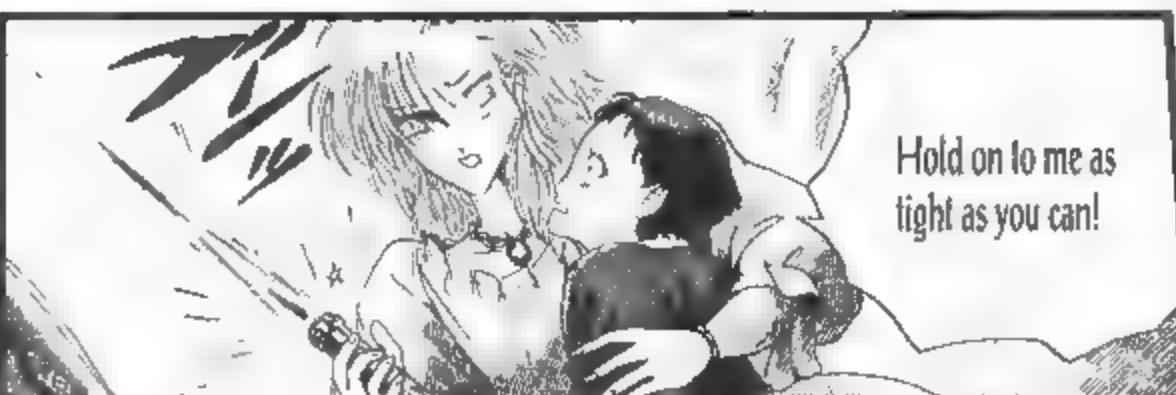
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Eek!

Watch out!





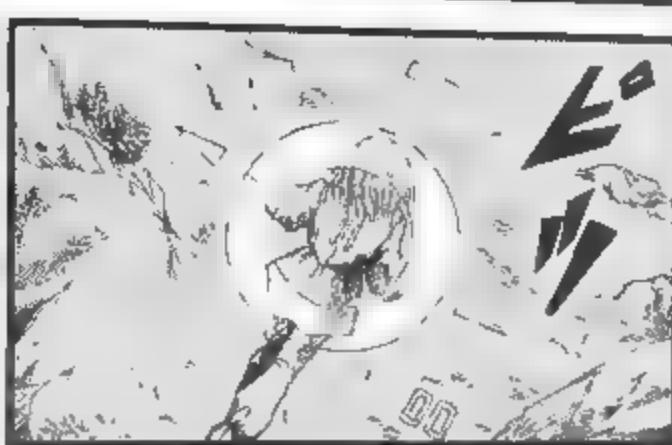








Hey you! Where're  
your manners!  
Introduce yourself  
for Christ sakes!





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So you're Braford, huh?  
Well I'll be...

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I have some more  
work to do on the  
Apache.. Later

Captain Skal..  
Isn't that  
headdhiner...

That's what you  
get with generic  
fatimas...

Gad! What an  
unfriendly looking  
fatima... just like  
her master .

What else can  
you expect from  
Master Barrow?  
Mustering  
first-class headd-  
liners ..

...and massacred sixty men,  
women and children at Namir  
Village... They say that a  
headdliner's life is entrusted  
in the orders of his lord

Yes. Allen Braford, the obli-  
ging butcher. He followed  
the orders of one of the worst  
tyrants in the Galaxy

Nothing but a  
flunky... a lap  
dog. Tsk-tsk..

But the loyalty he showed  
was asinine... With his  
skills, he could have joined  
any of the most prestigious  
knighthoods. His whole  
career was ruined by that  
one incident ..

Masler Barrow has employed me as a headliner... not a bodyguard or an assassin

Never mind... What else do you expect of someone like me?

Without loyally obeying the orders given by our lords, we would be none other than killing machines.

We headliners have been endowed with powers several times those of ordinary humans and must never act out of impulsiveness or selfishness.

But you master have chosen to ignore my pedigree

No, I don't blink so

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It's absurd...

That's what's so absurd. None of my former masters were interested in me

All they craved was the pedigree my mother bestowed on me, to enhance their careers.

I wonder how many headliners and nobles have died over me

There'd be more attempts to kill me in order to have you, that's all.

No, not really.. It's just that I'd have to kill more people than necessary for the sake of it.

Just today I killed another innocent headliner... didn't even know the guy

There'll come a day when I'll stand proud and call you by your real name .. but that day is still far off.



Huh

What a predicament  
if rejuvenation doesn't kick in soon, this guy's gonna be dinosaur meat.

Body temperature 29 degrees and falling with the atmospheric temperature. No heartbeat, no pulse. Due to failure of the circulatory system, all signs of life down to the cellular level will disappear in a few hours.



External injuries... left lung ripped to shreds, thymus gland completely dysfunctional, heart ruptured, 30% of ribs shattered, broken neck bone from the shock of the blast, muscle tissue beginning to shrivel. Instant death!





No molecular activity!

Rejuvenation's not starting! What the...



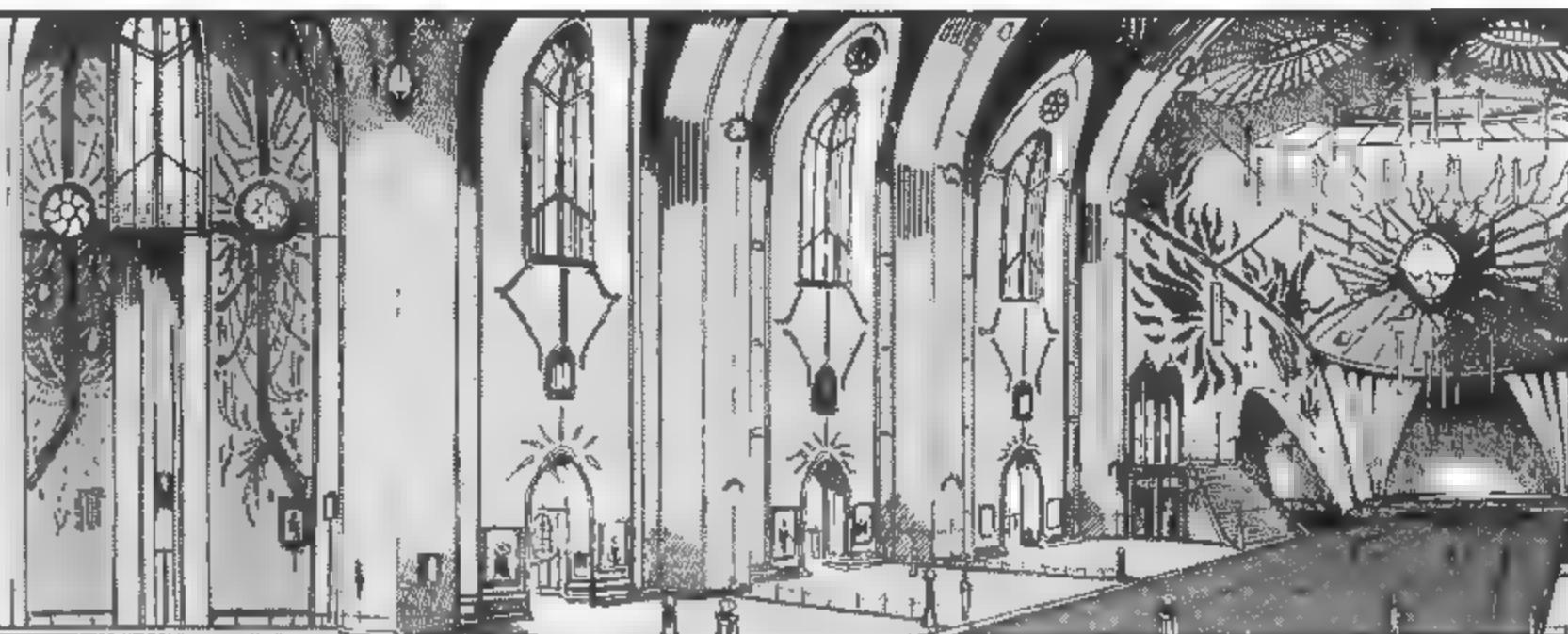
My powers!  
They're weakening!  
What's happening?

That can't be! I can  
rejuvenate from ashes,  
even gas!



I can't believe this is  
happening.

What am I going  
to do? At this rate,  
I'm done for!



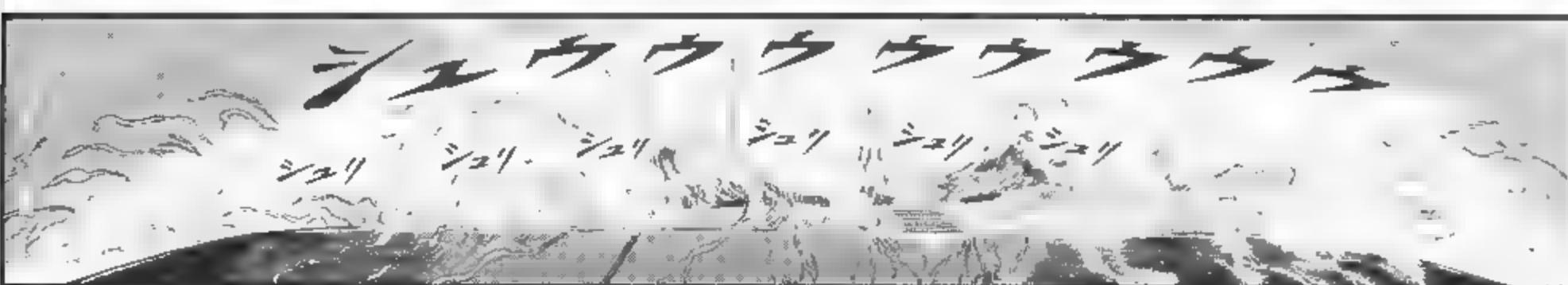
Hell Tower on the  
Floating Temple



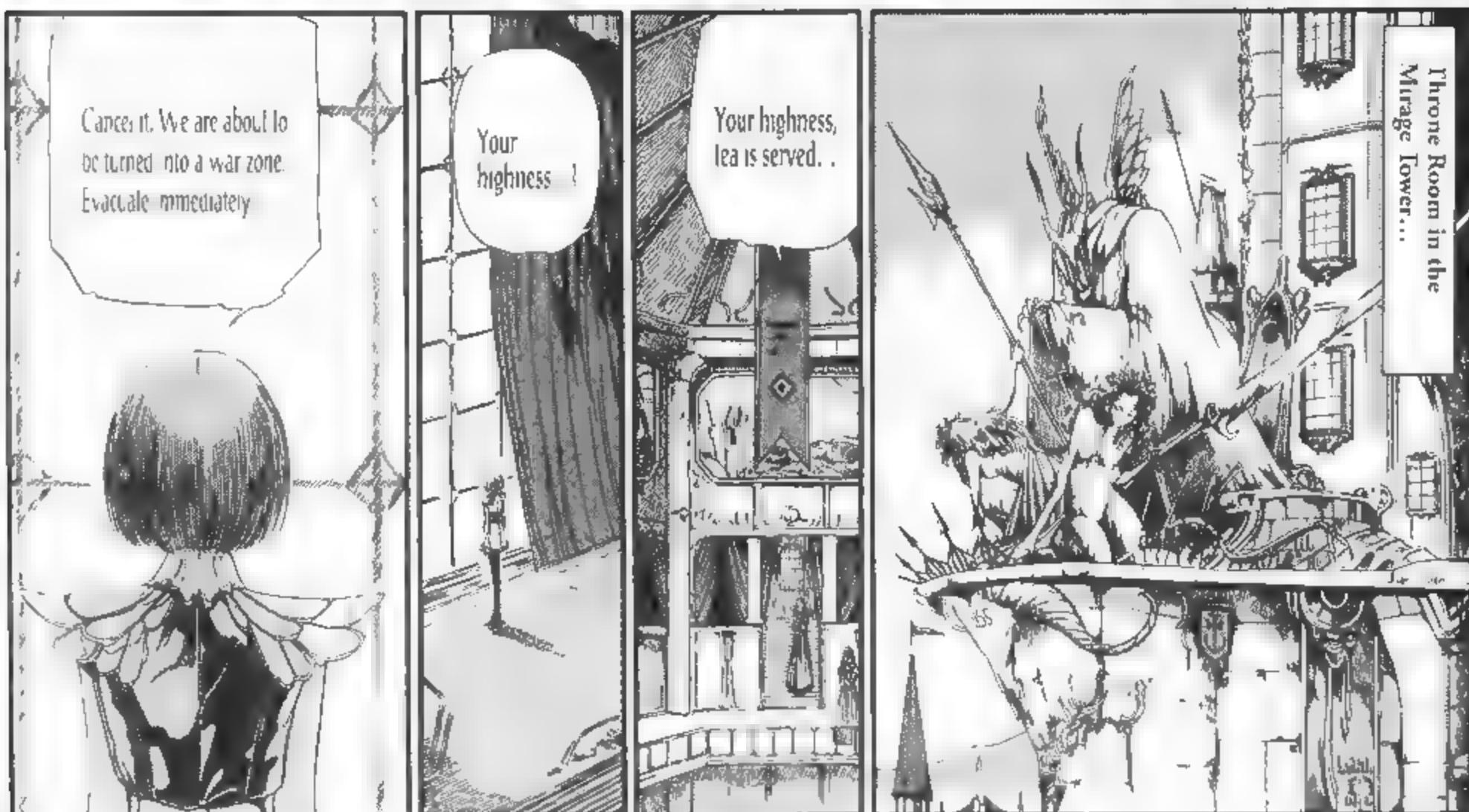
The air



The hatch...  
It's open...



The Demons' Tower



Throne Room in the  
Mirage Tower...

The Gods Knights will block and defend all corridors leading to the Tower! Prepare all fatimas and twelve Blood Temple mortar heads of the Gods' Knights i's Battalion for battle.

Hurry! We are at war! I repeat...  
Hurry!

This is Hind Kill with an imperial edict to kill anyone, even women and children, who tries to leave the Demons' Tower! No one must be allowed to leave the Tower!

Emergency condition red! Attention all warriors in the palace! Report to the Demons' Tower in full battle gear. I repeat... full battle gear!

Completely block all corridors leading to the Palace Tower! All airports and spacecraft! Prepare to evacuate all civilians!

You even sounds like the Emperor  
So, there's only Lonn and I...

Oh no! It'll take two days to get a hold of Aisha! She's probably shacked up with some guy:

That would be Lady Aisha on Bolh... All the others are in outer space!

Who is the closest Mirage Knight? Summon him immediately!

By getting control of an LED, they could reduce the castle to ashes in about 30 minutes!!

Why did they leave the Tower? One consolation is that there are no LED Mirages here!

The security knights at the Demons' Tower have already been wiped out! We must keep the enemy out of the palace at all costs!

Viva Emperor Amaterasu!  
Give us strength!

We will defend these  
corridors with our lives  
in the name of the Gods'  
Knights, the AKD's  
palace guard!

We need more power!  
We have to push them  
back!! We can't let the  
Para Phimales get out!!

If we can only secure  
the hatch... Then we  
can reactivate the  
barrier.

Where are the  
reinforcement?  
Hurry them up!

Sir Dageiran! It's too  
dangerous for you  
here. Take command  
of operations over at  
the Palace Tower!!

Lonn! Be careful.  
We've lost  
communication  
with the Gods.

The Hell Tower...

The Demons' Tower .



Zoom and Shaft are headed for the Throne Room... probably to get Lachesis.. and her beauty..

Where are the rest?  
Why haven't they  
arrived yet?

Oh my God!!

Tsk-tsk.  
Headliners these  
days... a buncha  
feeble slackers..  
no self-control

I can't keep it to  
myself any longer.  
I haven't had such  
fun in a long time

A little different  
in temperament  
and style  
perhaps...

Who do you think  
you are ordering us  
around? We're  
Mirages, too!

You two!  
Return to the  
Tower! Why  
did you leave?

Let's see how good you are.  
If you deserve to wear the  
"Cross of Blood!"

You must be new  
around here...  
Haven't learned  
to watch your  
mouth yet.

A delay attack!

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Next, your head!  
I'm afraid the  
tuition for this  
lesson is going to  
be very costly

Smaller  
rotation,  
you know?

First encounter  
with a dagger, huh?  
It's a speed, but it's  
a lot faster.

Uuuuhh..

If he stabs my neck  
Even if he cuts my throat  
with that dagger

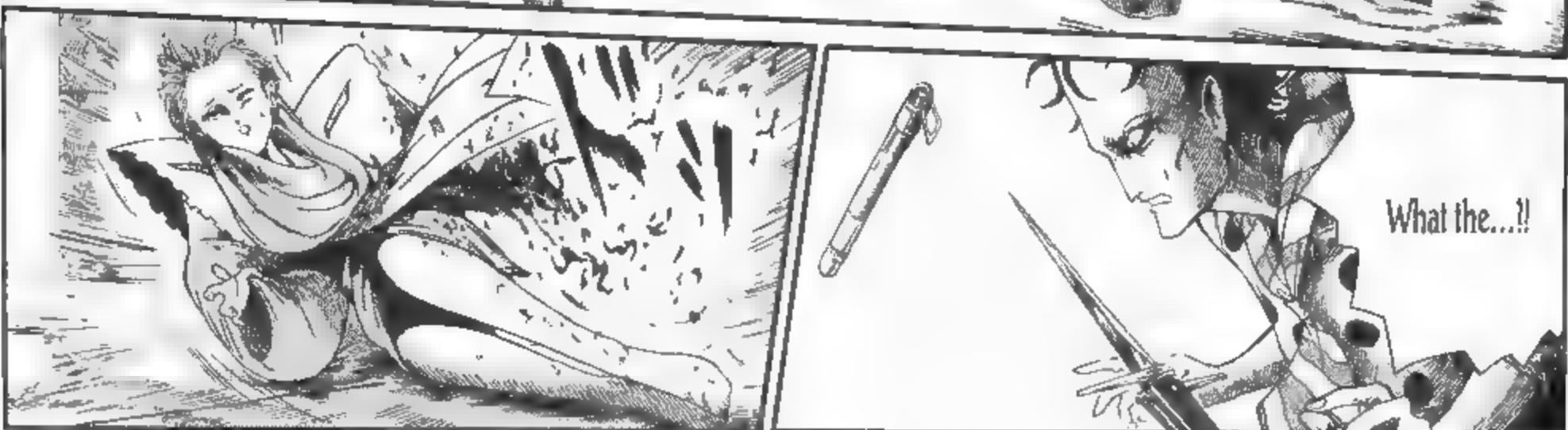
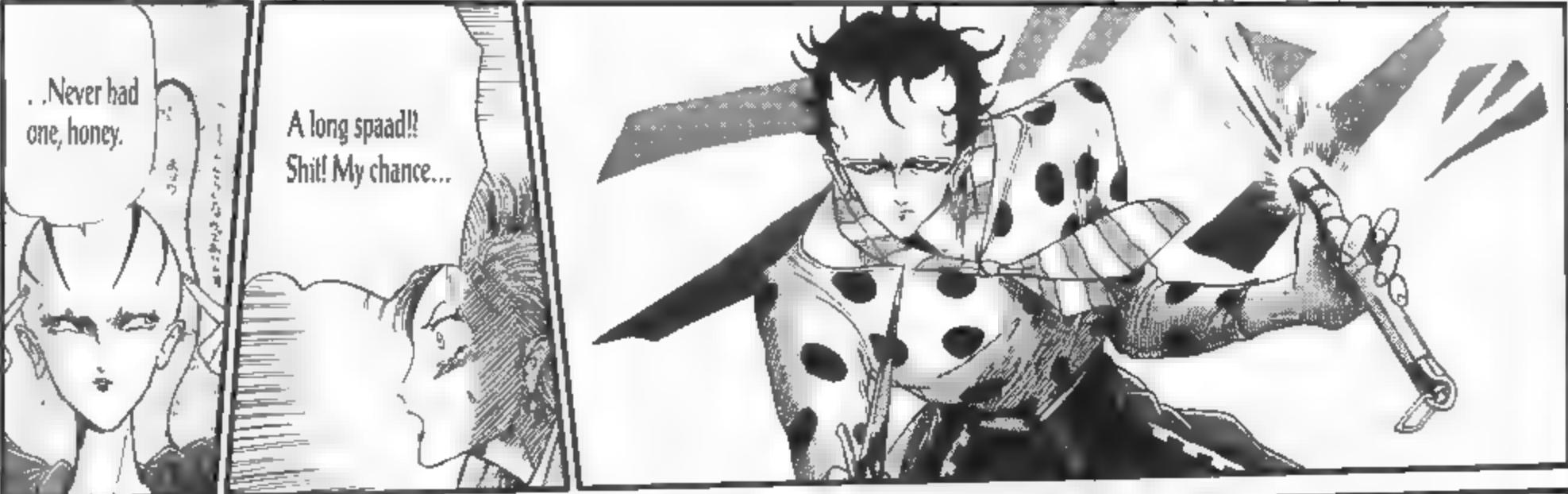
He's ten times stronger!  
But... can I let them  
by... If I stand my  
ground

Lonn! Stop...  
You haven't got  
a chance!

Sir Dageiran, I'll  
leave the other  
one for Hind.

He'll be close enough  
to kill while I'm dying.

Right hand!!  
Don't tail me now!





Is that you,  
Rogner!



Do you know why  
there is no Mirage  
No. 1 on either side?



Now, everybody  
listen carefully...

Nope.



That's because No. 1  
has way to much  
elegance for the likes  
of you... so it's been  
left open.

Shall we continue...  
I'll take on both of you...

Plenty. It's been a  
long time, Paison.

Better learn how  
to duel with your  
high heels on,  
honey. Mine  
are spiked.

See you around,  
kid! Better practice  
up for next time!

Damn you!  
Let's get outta  
here, Spark!

Douglus Kaien,  
the sword sage!!

Just in  
time.

They're the most dangerous members  
of the Mirages! One is as a powerful  
sorcerer, the other a sword sage and  
the most despicable knight around ...  
Please come with me!

Never mind that ...  
There're two more  
headed for the throne  
room ... to kill Lachesis!

You'd better  
get this fixed.  
That must  
smart.

What?

A worse problem  
is probably what's  
going on in the  
Hell Tower ...

That's okay ... I'll be  
alright... I can find  
my way around this  
place, even better  
than you can.

Laaaack-  
eeeeee!

Heh-heh-heh...  
This is so much fun!  
We'll soon be in the  
Throne Room!

Lacky, Lacky.  
Here, Lacky,  
Lacky.. Time for  
the barbecue!

Fresh liver from a  
living virgin is  
sooo good - and  
good for you, too

First, I'll give you  
her liver... Schaft.

...and sell copies  
to porno shops all  
over the Galaxy!

Then I'll record  
her mutilated  
naked body on  
a diskette...

It's doomed to fall under  
fear and domination  
never imagined!!! Let's  
hurry, Schaft!

Then we'll get the hell  
outta here... Even if  
they're able to stop us,  
the castle is done for!

Ready everyone?  
Face and shoot as  
soon as they come in

The Gods down in  
the lower chamber  
are all dead—  
Someone's on his  
way up!

If we can stall for  
time until help comes,  
we'll all be saved!

What are you saying, Your  
Highness? We couldn't  
leave you here alone in  
the Throne Room. We  
must serve you by being  
your shields

What are you  
doing? Get out!  
Run for your lives!

Hup! You! Uh,  
be a'eed! Hup  
tha at once!

Aye-aye!

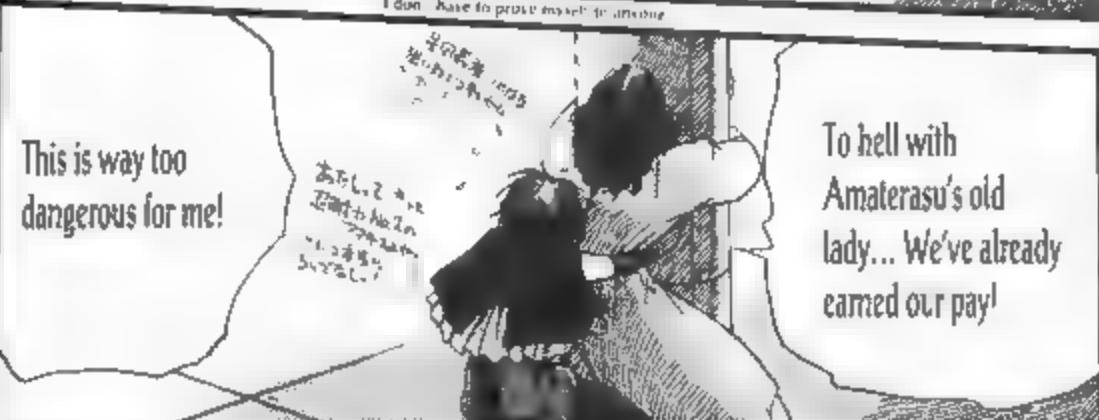
You all know what we  
have to do... I'll shoot  
anyone who tries to  
desert. Let's go!

It has only been for a short  
time, but we have all  
enjoyed Your Highness  
and are proud to have  
served you.





Schaft shouldn't be much of a problem, but that Zoom... she's a real pest... She can stop time... and I don't wanna get hurt...



To hell with Amaterasu's old lady... We've already earned our pay!



Well, I'm the Galaxy's most stubborn fatima. Why're you being such a baby

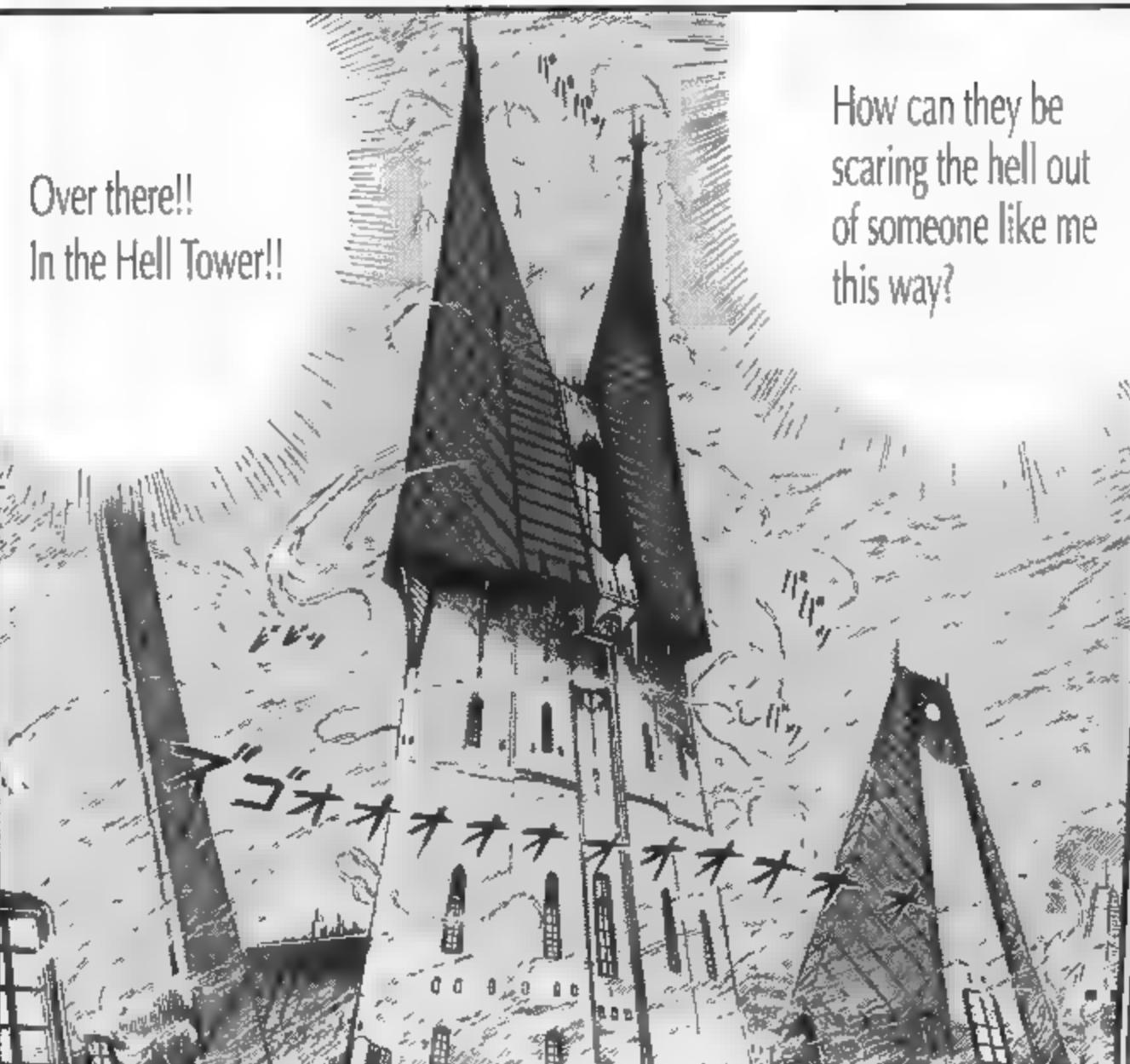
The problem is... you can't sense the atmosphere around here...



Over there!!  
In the Hell Tower!!

How can they be scaring the hell out of someone like me this way?

Shit! Why do her diver powers have to kick in now?!



Why? Why can't  
we push it back!?



Something's rising  
out of the center!

It's getting stronger!  
How can that be!



We can't  
keep it down!



A chemical  
weapon?  
No way!



What are you  
doing, Sachier!  
It's coming back!

Former Emperor  
Mikoto!!



I don't know!  
Ask Sopp!

They're real!  
They're alive!

What are they,  
Your Excellency...  
Those giants!



Call in the  
mortar headds!

Fall back to the  
entrance... Our  
powers are have  
no effect here!

My God!  
What's going  
on here!!

Blood Temple  
standing by.  
Master, going to  
full power!!

Let's go!  
There's  
something  
awful loose  
in the Hell  
Tower!

Attention all  
headdlers! You  
are authorized to  
use all weapons and  
tactics... Destroy  
any structure or  
facility that  
impedes your  
progress... Deploy  
immediately!!

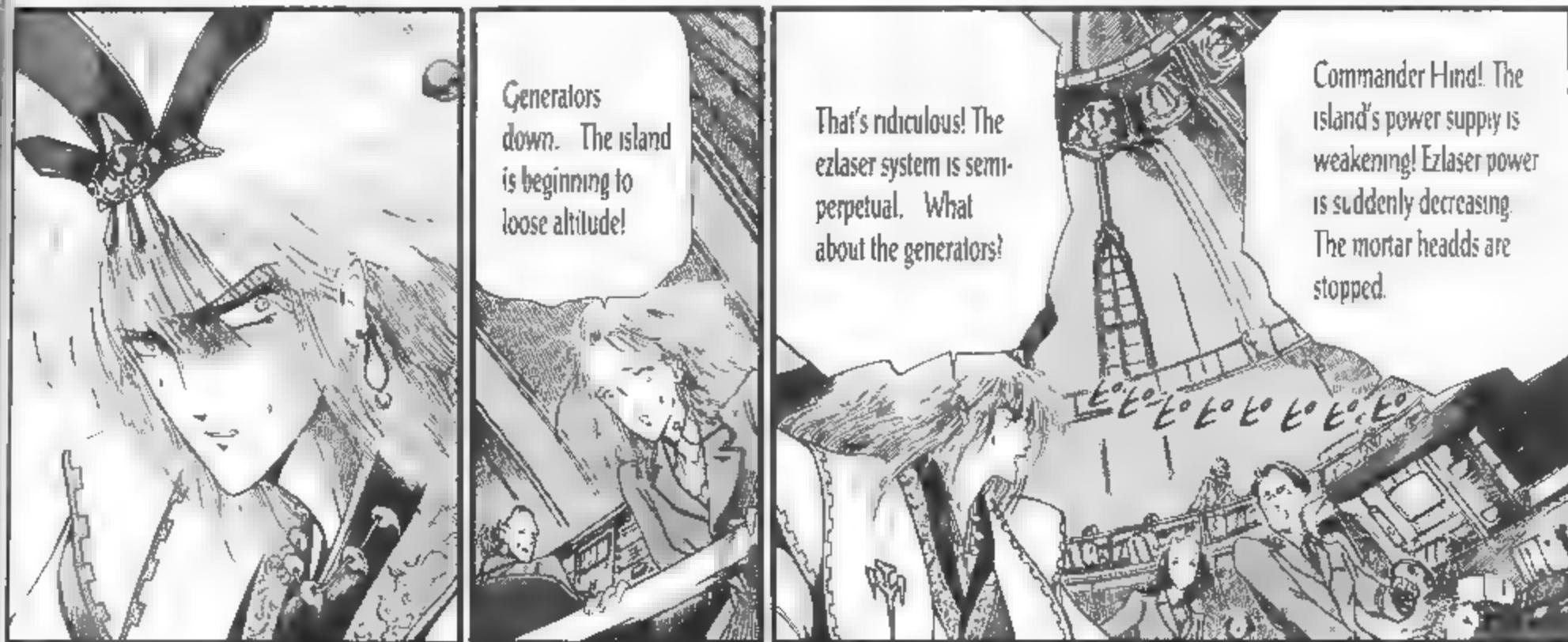
Deploy the mortar  
headds to the Hell  
Tower. Fighting  
has broken out  
inside the Palace!  
Destroy the Hell  
Tower!

I can't believe  
it. The power.  
There's no power  
zero.

We... we've  
stalled... What's  
the matter!!

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*Don't look at  
them! Divert your  
consciousness!*



*They're  
here...*



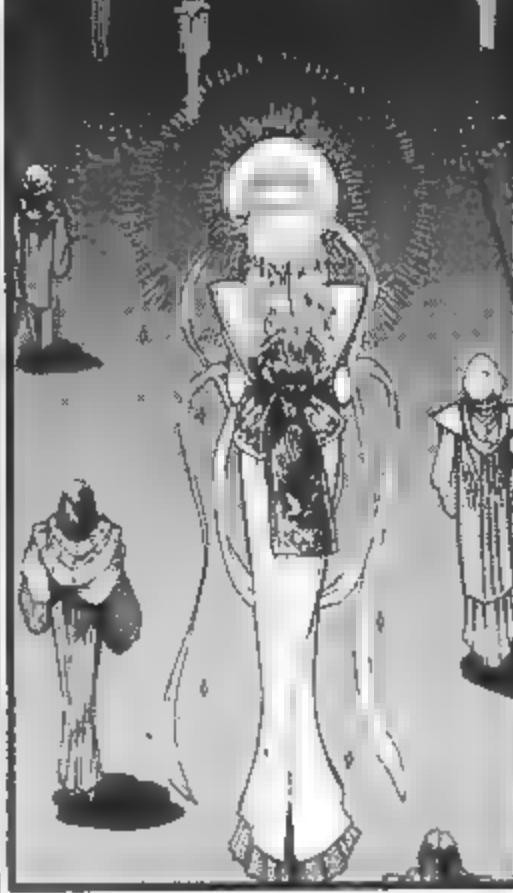
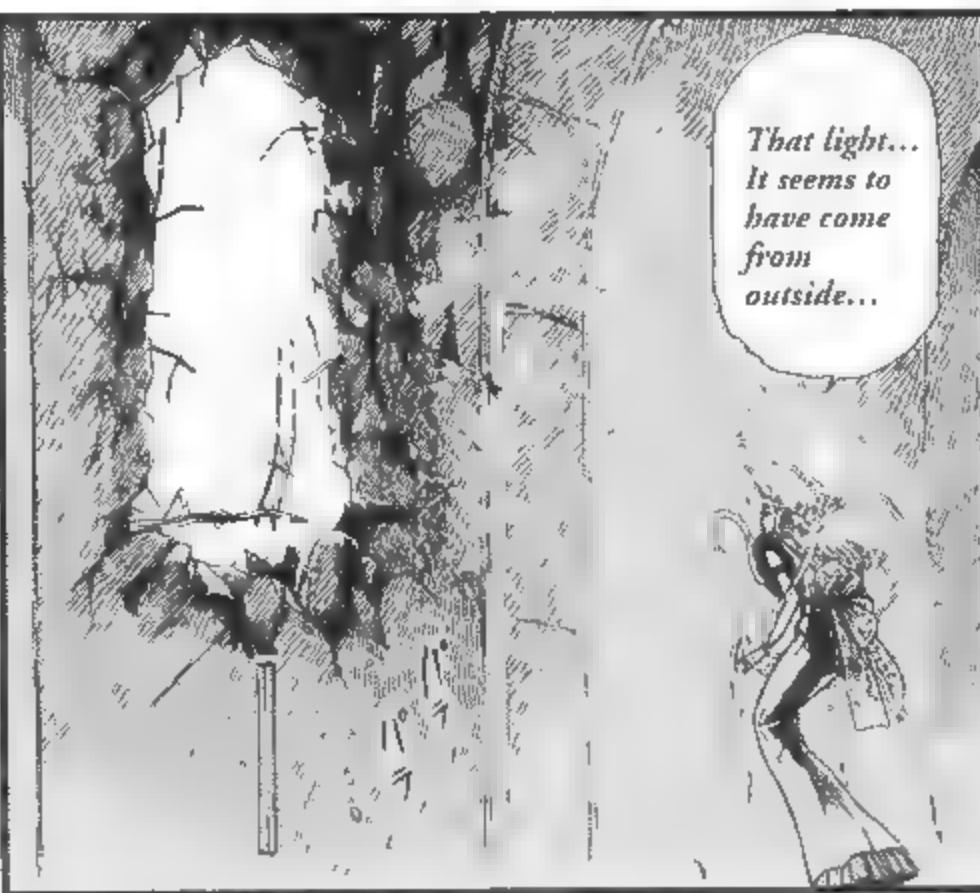
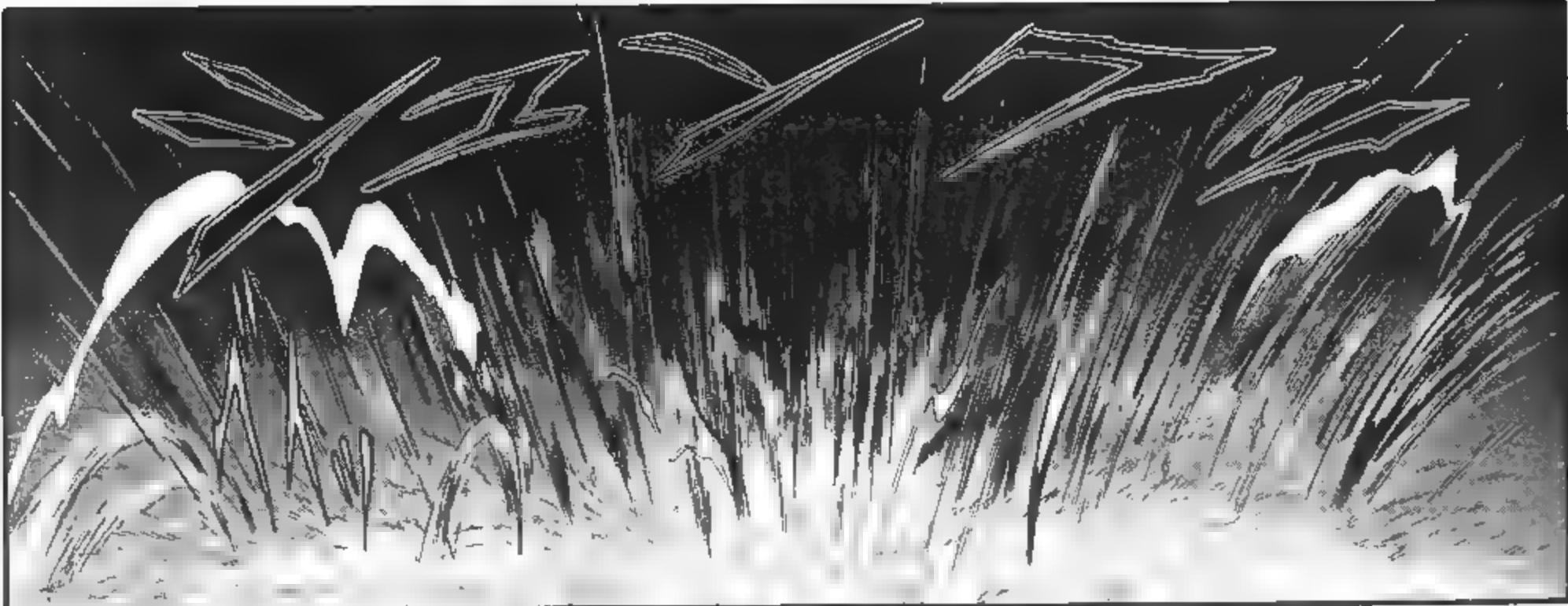
*No! Get out of  
here! Run for it!  
Don't look at  
them!*





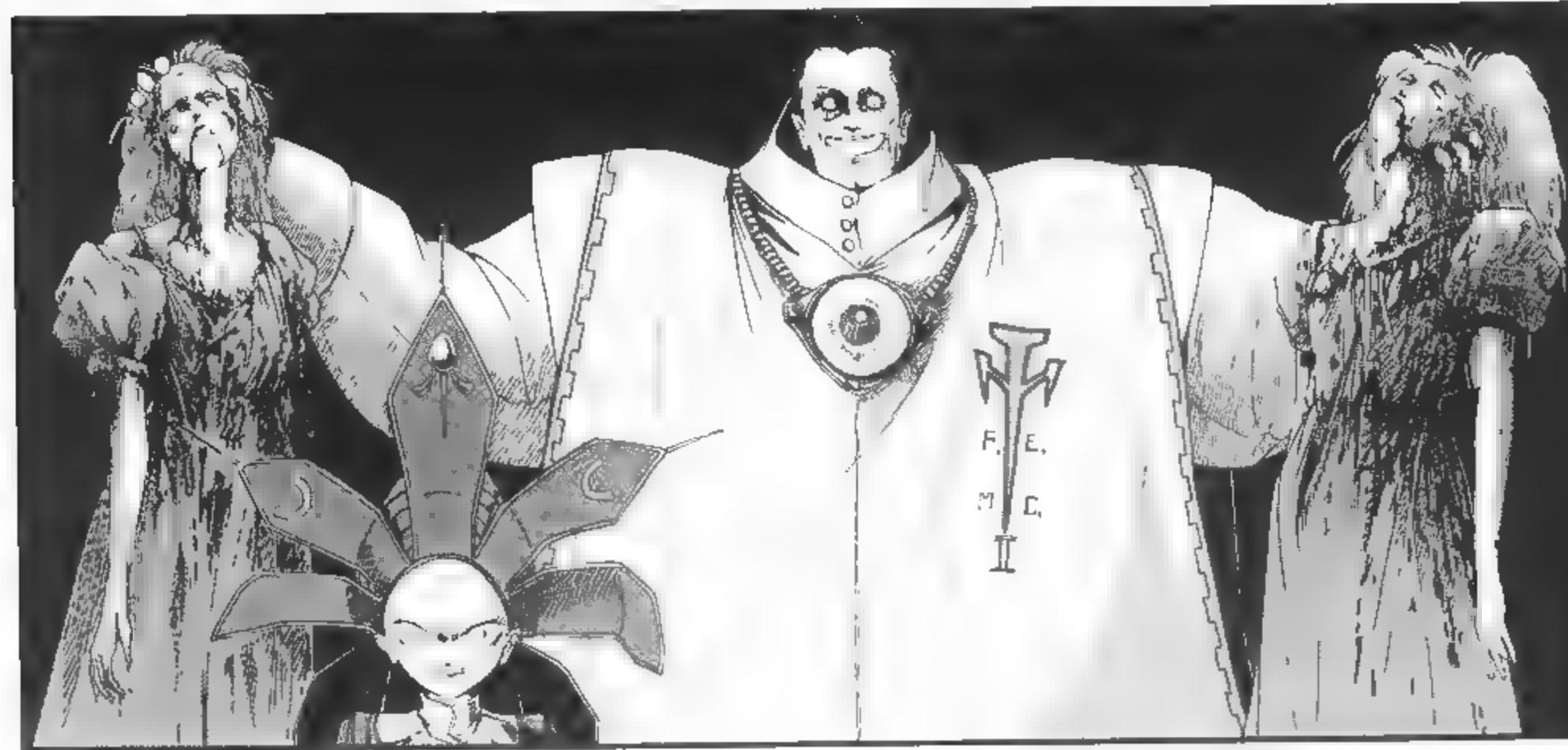
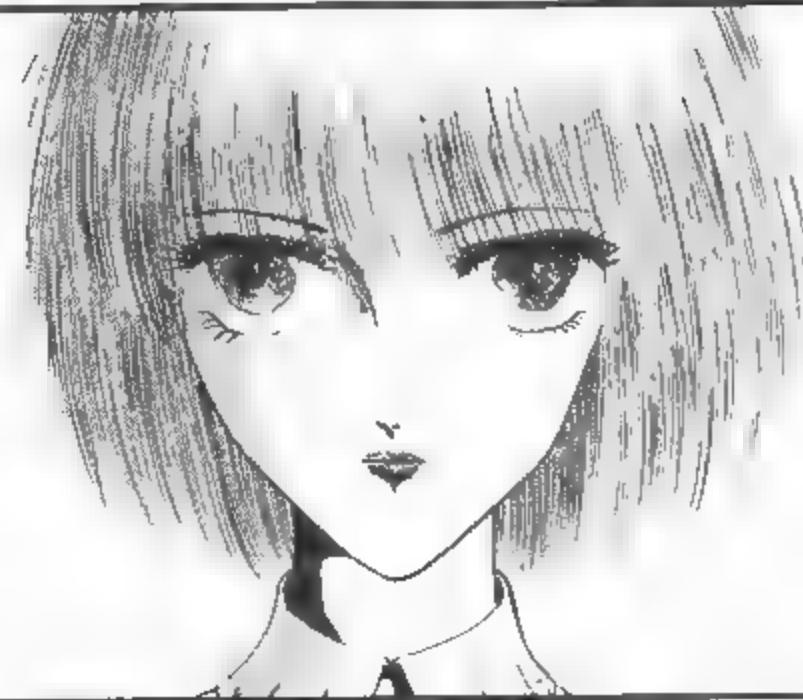
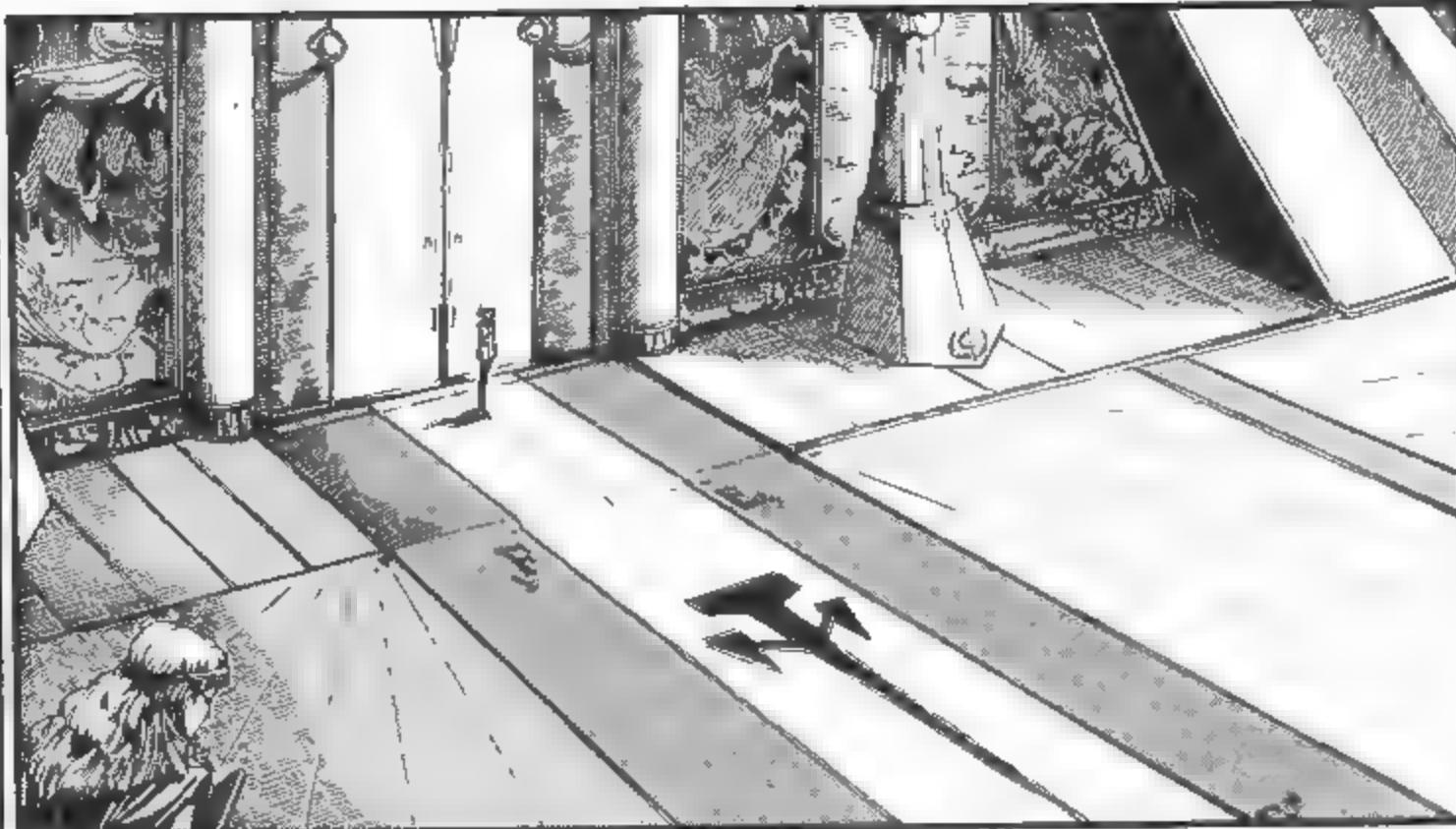








A golden  
dragon!!



Schaft, you're zonked out of your mind. !

It seems... the princess is twitching with fear and can't even speak..

Aahhh... heh-heh-heh...

This isn't any maiden in distress shaking for her life...

Time for a neutralizer shot... or you're gonna regret it!

That is a different story

However losing sight of your status within the Empire . forgetting you are nothing but hunting dogs. . then attempting to bite the hand of your master..

As long as you wear the "Cross of Blood," the emblem representing the Mikado, your acts will not be questioned and you will not be held accountable.

What you two do and where . how many people you murder capriciously and without remorse

I'm really getting' off on this...

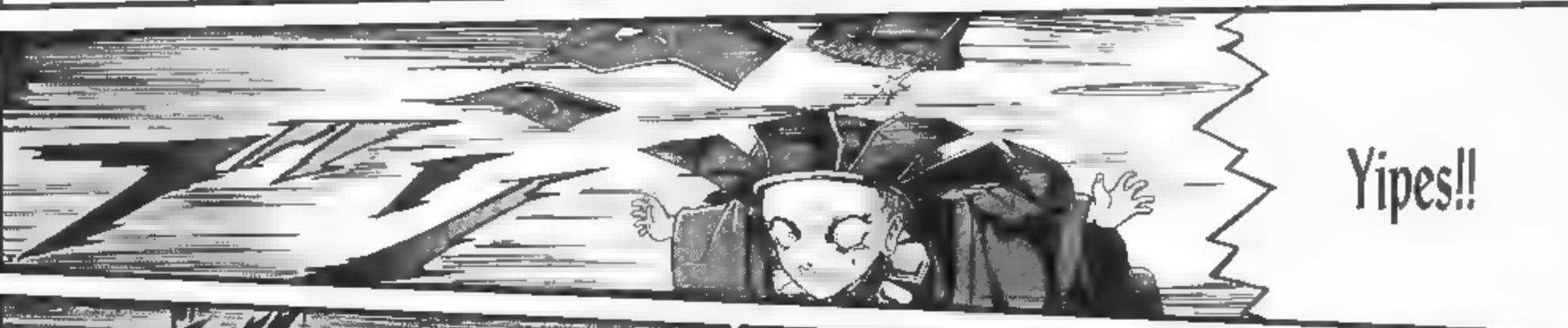
I am not as lenient  
as the Mikado...

As long as I remain  
entrusted with this castle  
by the Mikado, I am your  
master. If you do not  
return to your Tower  
immediately I will execute  
you here on the spot

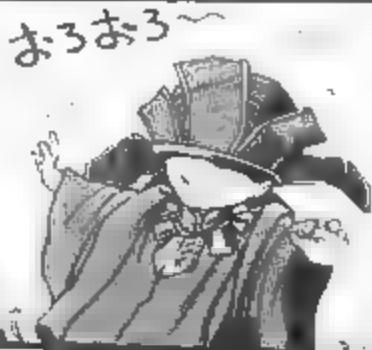
Give me a break,  
you fucking whore!!

Ah... a barrier!

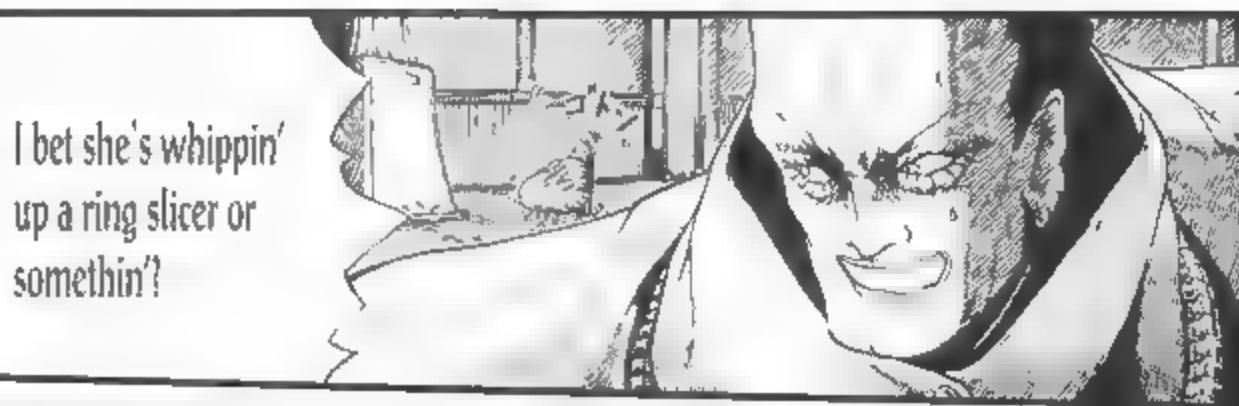




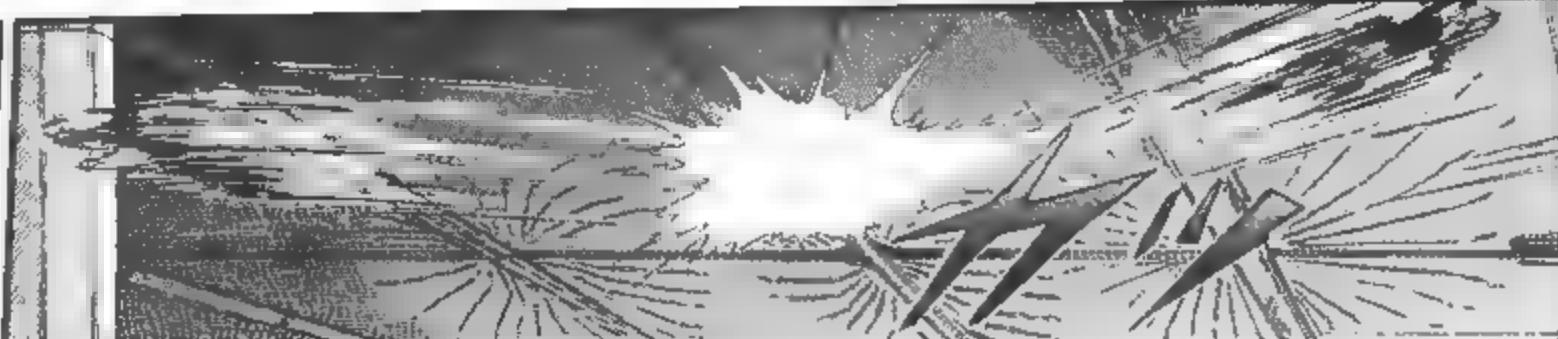
\*An acrobat's Japanese sword move—cropping in stockove, drawing a sword and cutting down the opponent all in one continuous move.



I can't see where I'm goin'



...was one that even the great Dimos Hiahraki couldn't master!!



That afterimage move is no big deal!



Watch out for  
a sonic blade!



It's the "mirror."  
There's no afterimage...  
The real thing actually  
splits in two!

Oooff!!



Whoaaa!!





To hell with  
your body!



Get outta the way,  
Schaft... You little...!!



I don't care anymore!!  
I'm going to blow every  
cell in it to kingdom  
come!! At a temperature  
of absolute zero!!



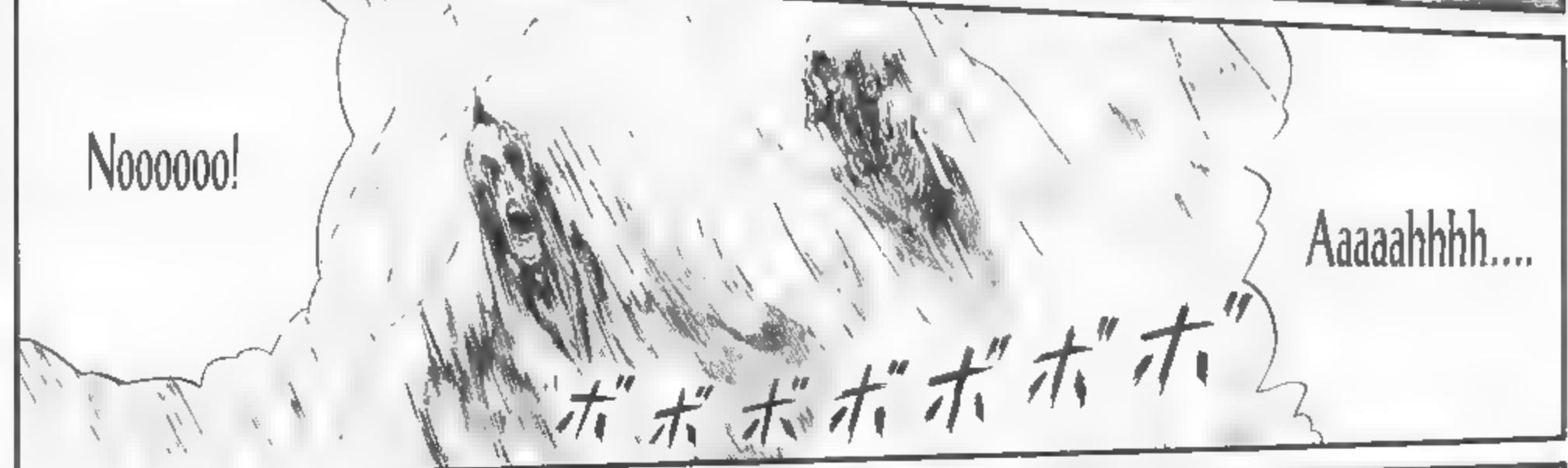
She has the  
same powers  
as the Emperor!

The Seventh Fall!

Whaaa...!!

Aaaarrggghh...

Oooff!!

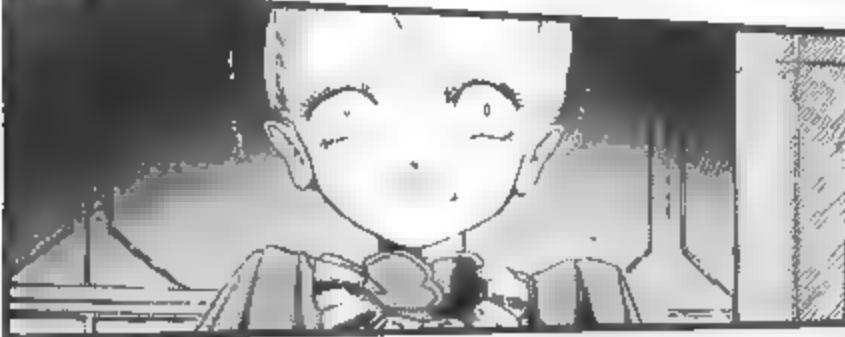
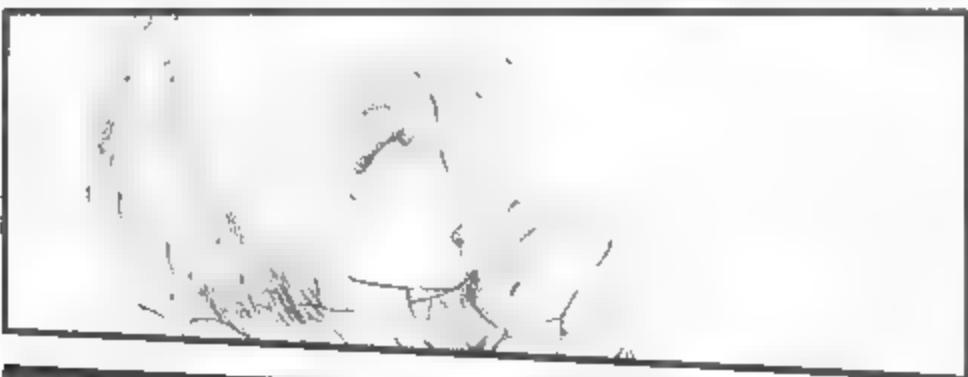
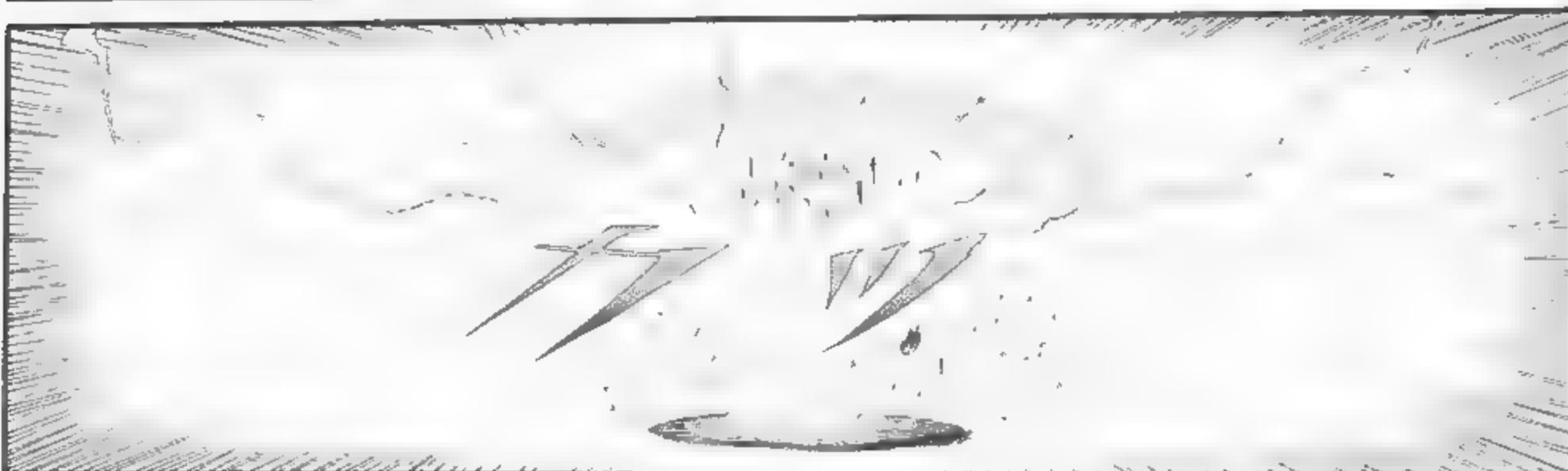






I'm being...  
drawn... in!

No! It  
it's no use!



What in God's name was that!?

What...

Uh-huh

See that!

...and her cohort Schaft, the most powerful Mirage Knight in the history of the Galaxy, bearer of the "sword sage" ranking... taken to task by...

Zoom, the most powerful Mirage diver...

...Who they say was bestowed with the name Amaterasu by Her Excellency Mikado...

Lachesis...

That old gal's eccentricity is really something!

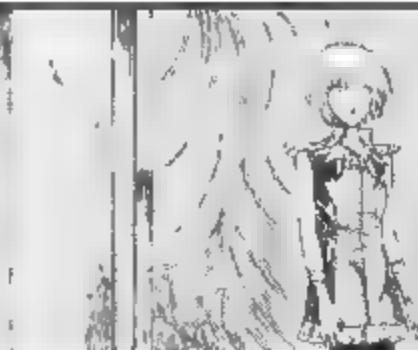
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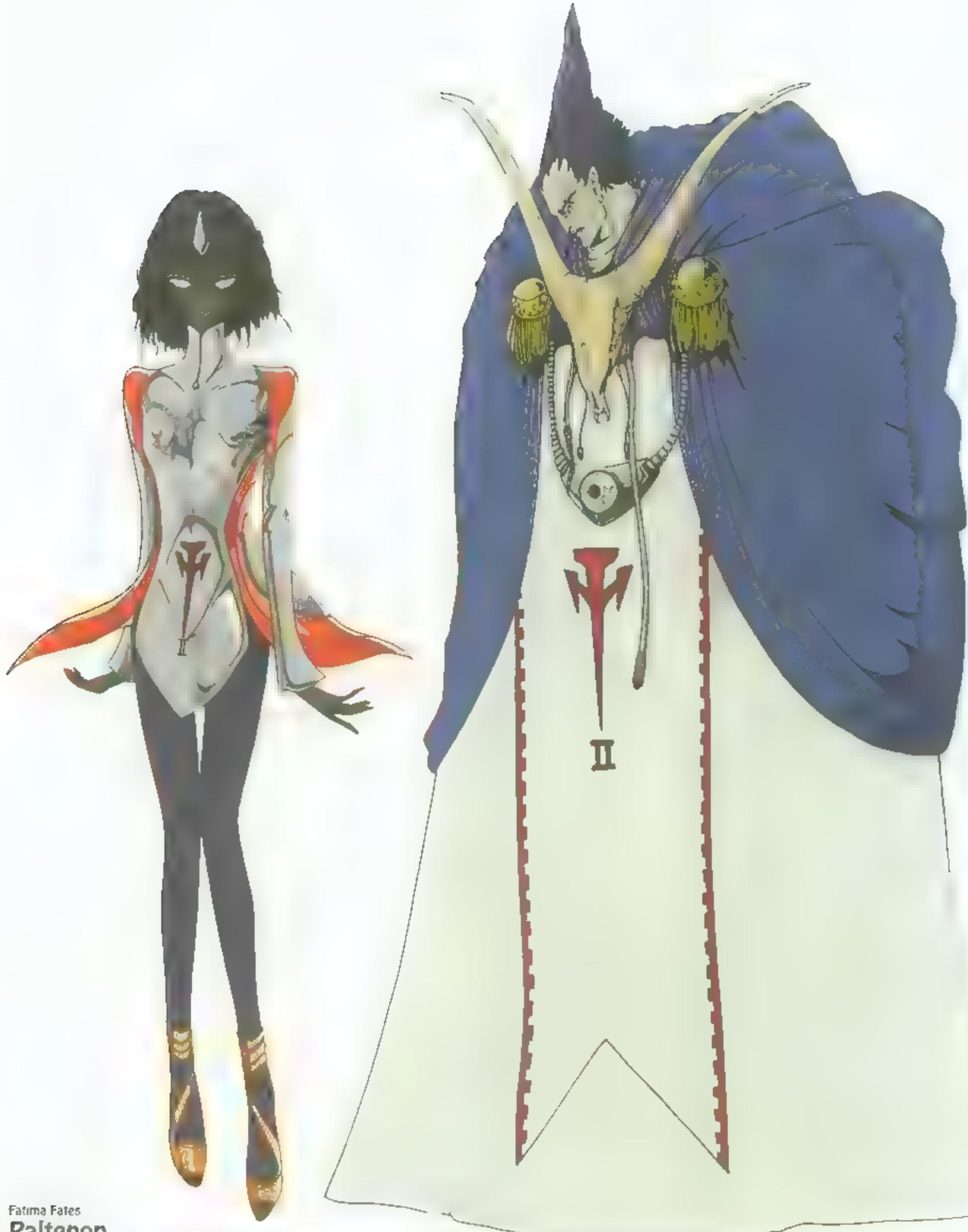
I'm scared...!!

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Waaaaahhhhhh...!!



To be continued....



## Fatima Fates Paltenon

Dr. Baroch's second masterpiece, a topless ballerina in futuristic skin with Accompanied by highly instanced make-up which caused self destruction of her mind control devices by which she was subverted challenging her to achieve a more menial than composed. She has been given a full charge of the Amaterasu family stage All Good Must Be

## Mirage Knight No. 2 **SCHAFT**

Mirage Knight #2. The same number as Ayuda Coqueta. A solo survivor he was formerly known as the Tunel King who controlled his subjects through violence and fear. He was last seen being employed by the Amaterasu Family. He is one of a band of hoodlums capable of raiding the Midgar Mirage along with his partner Paltenon.

## Characters



Mirage Knight No. 0

### SPARK

Mirage Knight No. 0 and her sister, SPARK, were created by the Order Knights of the Silver Knights. They are the only two members of the



### Mirage Knight No.7 **Paison**

Mirage Knight #7, an assassin employing various tactics in his craft. When upon Amaterasu's absence from the Floating Temple, discovers that seals maintained by the Seven have been broken and takes the opportunity to launch a bloody retribution.

### Mirage Knight No.19 **Mishalu Ha Lonn**

A very young and inexperienced Mirage Knight #19, who takes over Asuna Couquille's command when No.2 is away from the Floating Temple. This means she will be given complete authority over the Amaterasu Kingdom Demesnes quite a load of responsibility to such a young knight.

### Mirage Knight No.8 **Spector**

The Floating Temple's court jests with the exception of some silly, ridiculous, but rank and file, or those despotic, obnoxious, vipers who are just as bad. They have been given the name of the Parade of Sins. Amaterasu has no less than twelve such white-clad fiends. They do horribly before one and then do the same again and frequently change by the hour. They are

# Characters

## Dis Bosjathfort

As a child, Dis' sister was snatched away by the Hooling Temple over 100 years ago when Amaterasu was still only a year old. The main aim of the mission was to challenge her monarch Amaterasu no Mikoto to a contest to cover the entire Parrot's Mouth Gorge.



## Fatima Fates Potar

Sweet's partner formerly the most notorious fatima created by Dr. Mora. I think she was really damaged I believe and her curse upon calling the likes of Specter here. As Potar, fatima is longer being able to do the or control an AI's process by the best thing that ever happened to her.

# The Five Star Stories VI



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Art's come wider musician, designer and Modeler. His debut *Martford Nagano* was born in the city of Matsumoto, Kyoto Prefecture in January 1960. In 1984 he made his first debut of the Parade design of the TV cartoon *Hiroko Melo Locomotion*. [www.fivestar.com](http://www.fivestar.com) Four in the City was published in Newtype magazine in 1986 followed by Five Star Stories series which debut in 1988. His stories were completed by 2000. Then in spring 2000, *Sayoko* was begun. This was first published in paper back by Kotochaya which released 10 volumes with a total sales of 7 million copies and became it's a popular and well known Japanese novel. The other short work made can be seen [www.fivestar.com](http://www.fivestar.com). Many of his work's under copyright and some published by his own company - ON SPRESS Inc.

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## A Vast Tale Promising to Straddle the Centuries

### Five Star Stories Vols. I-III

**N**ext year (or even year 102988, one of the Galaxy's most precious far-flung heights) Dr Chrome Isolde completes her work on his two masterpieces. Lachesis and Cetho, only to have them taken into custody by the evil Lord, a depraved aristocrat sent by the name of Grand Duke Juba-had him who covets the two items to satisfy his cut-throat tendencies. Ballistic has no one to turn to for help but his long-time friend, Ados Sepp, one of Amaterasu's dearest. To save his two daughters from such a sumy cuteness, he ore the set of claws, the soft talons are to choose her masters - a event triggered by Juba. Cetho makes a run for it and with the help of Sepp, Veates View and the president of the evil Iron Union in disguise, and Amaterasu's Mirage Knight, Cetho finds a protector in the warrior king extraordinaire.

Colos II of the planet Colos. It's on the day of the debut, Sapp is reunited with Cetho and they return to their old haunts, the headliner of news. Dracos and Fortune, not pursued, lost in the void, are about to be captured. Amaterasu's extraneous mother needs the knight of Colos appears out nowhere and saves the day. Meanwhile, back at hub's palace Verda now unseated is President Miss-on-Rouge makes friends, loses old ones, has countless adventures and even finds his trusted reprie.



### Five Star Stories Vols. IV-V

**F**ive years after the abomination in 2989, the kingdoms ruled by Colos's brother Colos II are suddenly and mysteriously invaded by the neighboring empire of Utopia which we find out later is being backed by superpowers from other planets, such as Endorion, Keaminy and Earth between both. The young Colos III bears his brand new mortal headed lanceon for a test run on the front lines encounters the mortal he fed of a Bowtray Mercenary - the employ of Utopia and in the battle that ensues dies he believed Utopia's Vulc who is killed by the Bowtray knight while fighting to protect her badly wounded master. This incident stuns Colos allies throughout the Galaxy who rush in to join the anti-Utopia movement that is slowly

welling up all over land. Around the volunteers and mercenaries flying in the Colos Dynasty's Star Airport we find none other than ladies Sapp, who owes a grudge to Colos for his quidnunc at the decombo the previous year. There is also a flashback of how Colos and Vulc left in 1997 explaining the bitter resentment held by Vulc who left Utopia for the King of the Tro de Colos and Vulc's sworn vendette.



### Five Star Stories Vols. VI-VIII

**D**uring the war with Utopia, the Colos Dynasty palace becomes the gathering place of dignitaries from all over the Galaxy including Ados Sapp aka Amaterasu, Veates View and aka Miss-on-Rouge, the Black Knight and master swordsman Rodos Dagonon and a meeting place for Mirage Knight Sora, Ronders and Three Eye Kallenka who will eventually marry Incroyables Leota and Estelle, Haynes and her father's rival Dr. Moran. The sorely under-powered bunchon receives an overhaul with a 10D Mirrorm engine from Sapp and sealed to arms by an decay inspired of it. As the anti-Utopia movement reaches its peak, Colos decides to stage a counter-offensive which results in victory for the Iron Union only at the cost of its

ruler's life at the hands of none other than Vralgo Kentauri. During the sudden attack on luncheon, Cetho's master decodes the cockpit employs every bit of the skill and strength entrusted to her in crushing Vralgo's Mirrorm. Later in the end comes consciousness and is sealed within her magnificent mortal body. Finally Vol VIII jumps forward to the year 2000 and the Anti-Amaterasu resistance now in the face of Adole.



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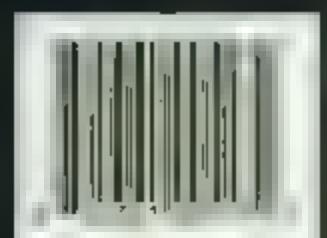
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## D e d i c a t e d   t o   F a t i m a s   E v e r y w h e r e

**T**his is a tale of the god of light, Amaterasu, and his wife Lachesis, who emerged victorious from an era of wars that raged throughout four solar systems. It will also tell of the many bold and daring headliners who battled courageously during those times, some victorious, some not, but always in the name of chivalry.

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## VI-2



Just because the Floating Temple has been kept afloat, does not mean that all is back to business as usual.

Lachesis concludes the cause of the uproar to be some physical disruption at Amaterasu's end. So she sends the only available headliner, drug-crazed, murder happy, Joker knight par excellence Schaft at the helm of the virgin Jagd Mirage with even nuttier Paltenon in the fatima cockpit, to Kastenpo for to check it out.

After Kaien gets nostalgic and we receive an appearance from another looney, former heir to the throne, Prince Ikaruga, the scene shifts back to where Sopp was last seen, Both, and one of its typical attractions, Zanda City, and a travel guide to life (and death) in that resort paradise.

Now back to the Sopp opera... Physical disruption? Hell, he's being devoured (still conscious, by the way, and reporting what it's like) by the local Kastenpo wildlife, when all of sudden this... thing... appears. Well this... thing... shakes a couple of drops from the bottle it's carrying onto Sopp's conscious, but doornail dead, corpse and before you can say "Amaterasu," the guy's as good as new again... well almost. Turns out that the LED Dragon ("Cool Ruler") is going though a generation change and its time to start from scratch again with this... thing... which, the Cool Ruler informs Sopp before departing, is his heir apparent in nymph form.



You have given me the greatest happiness! I beg of you!  
Do what you want with this rabid dog... behead it... order it to commit harakiri... anything you wish... say the word!

I beg your pardon, Your Highness!! I am overwhelmed... convinced that you are worthy to be the Queen of the AKD!

The Mikado rules this planet with no source of freedom, except for all of you .

Wait.. ! Only the Mikado can decide your fate..

The warp that just occurred in the 3-dimensional power balance is proof of that

Something has happened to the Mikado

Time is running out..

At present all the  
Mirages are in outer  
space... and it will  
take time to prepare  
the Gods' MHs...

Your... Your Highness,  
your wish is my  
command... but the  
preparations...

Take anything you need  
anything. You are free to  
use any and all available  
resources.

Don't you hear me?  
I authorized you  
to take any  
necessary action.

I want you to fly  
directly to Both.  
I feel that something  
is about to happen  
there.

Wow!!  
You mean...!!

I'm gonna get  
you for this!

There is no other Mirage  
knight besides you. In  
the name of Amaterasu  
I hereby authorize you to  
make any necessary  
preparations, take any  
steps and make any  
inquiries as you see fit.

I am so grateful... so  
happy! I, Schaft, your  
loyal servant, will not  
fail Your Highness!

Grrr!

Whatever but  
remember, we're  
depending on you.  
Schaft okay?

I wonder how many people we lost

Complete fanaticism

You over there whoever you are what do you think about this whole mess?

That's my name alright

...why Atropos was so handy with a sword. That old geezer Ballanche programmed all of our tricks into you fatimas.

Now I get it...

You know... I had a feeling there wasn't a heck of lot to worry about.

It's a real mess around here as you can see Could you maybe return to the Mirage Corps! . . Temporarily of course

Sure . . No problem

I'm really sorry about all of this But may I ask you another favor!

of like that

You're Sir Douglas Kaien ..

I'm sort of jealous... Hey, why don't you come down and meet Auxo...

Wow! I thought only LED and me had the "Mirror" down pat..



I will also revoke in the name of Amaterasu. 80% of the fifty-two outstanding warrants against you for international treason and terrorism...

We will pay you a hundred million feathers in advance... I'm sorry but that's all the AKD defense budget can afford right now... and of course complete extraterritoriality in the castle and throughout the Demesnes...

...Of course, if you don't prefer women...

I and my entourage will be at your disposal...

...If you are interested in female companionship

And finally

By the way, how'd you recognize me?

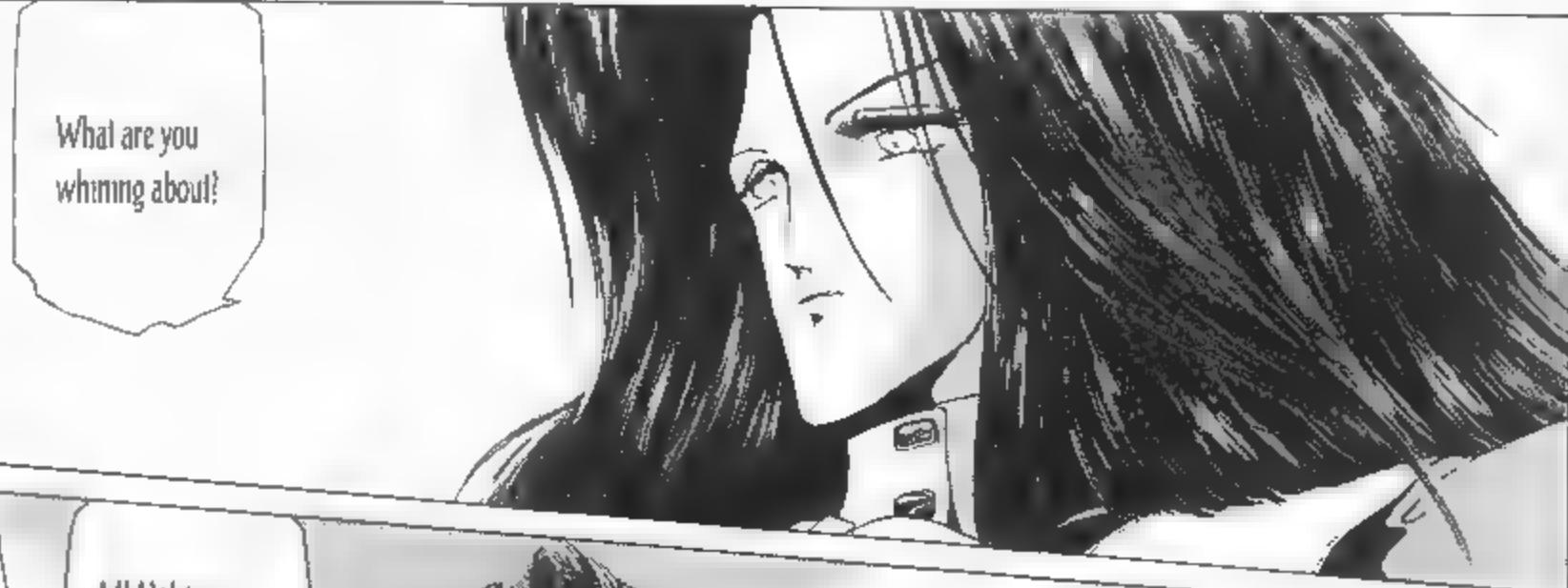
What do you take me for? Some lecher who gets off on seducing women...? I'll pass on your last offer.

You carry my sister Queen's scent...

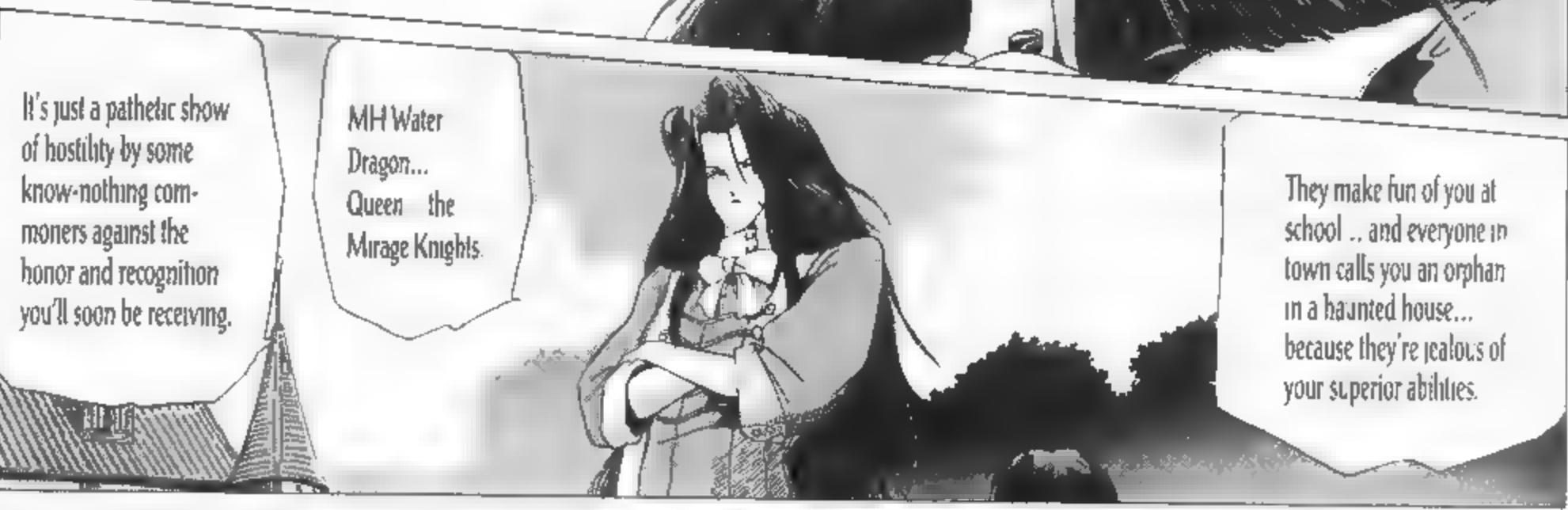
That was easy...

...more of a vestige.

No... not her scent...



What are you  
whining about?



It's just a pathetic show  
of hostility by some  
know-nothing com-  
moners against the  
honor and recognition  
you'll soon be receiving.

MH Water  
Dragon...  
Queen the  
Mirage Knights.

They make fun of you at  
school .. and everyone in  
town calls you an orphan  
in a haunted house...  
because they're jealous of  
your superior abilities.



Leave all the other  
adjustments and  
information processing,  
even losing your virginity,  
up to Queen!



But before that can happen  
you have to remember to  
increase your own power.  
The difference in the power  
that can be amplified is in  
proportion to how much  
power a headliner can  
generate himself.

Listen .. Think of a  
mortar headd as the  
extension of your  
arms and legs ..



Can a fatima get pregnant? What a stupid question!

The trouble with an informant processor like me is that the chance of my ovaries producing a fetus is one in a hundred million.

Even if such a miracle were to occur, the fetus would either be miscarried or mentally deranged due to data-related interference

Why!! It's only natural that I'd want your child!

No!

But that's not what's interesting...

It's a well-known secret among us meights that there have been several cases of pregnancy.

...That would be merely equivalent to causing de-evolution of a member of some humanoid species.

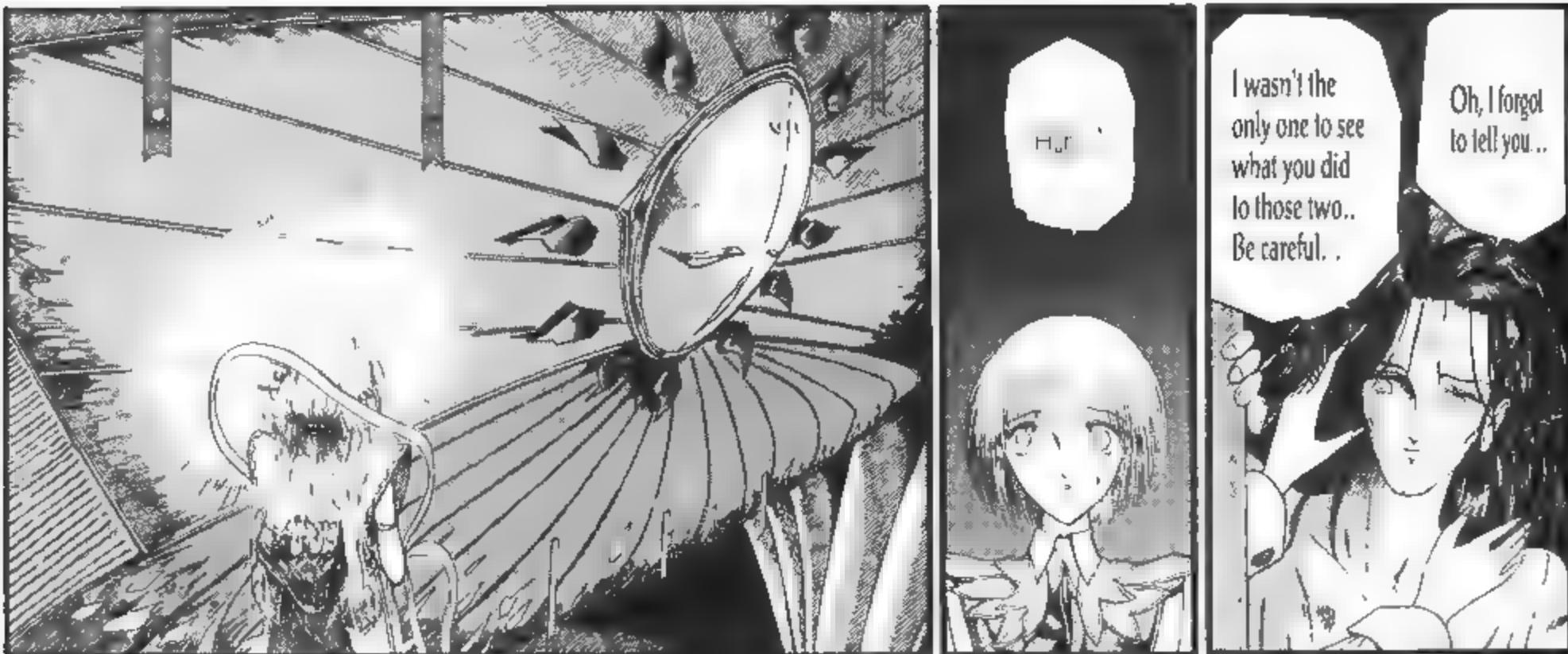
Any more questions, Karen?

What is interesting, however, is what would be the level of ability of the offspring

You're going to drive me crazy

Please stop tormenting me





I wasn't the  
only one to see  
what you did  
to those two..  
Be careful..

Oh, I forgot  
to tell you...



What  
happened to  
you! Don't  
tell me...

Master Sachier,  
the seal! It's back  
in place!

Your Excellency  
Mikoto! When  
did you arrive!

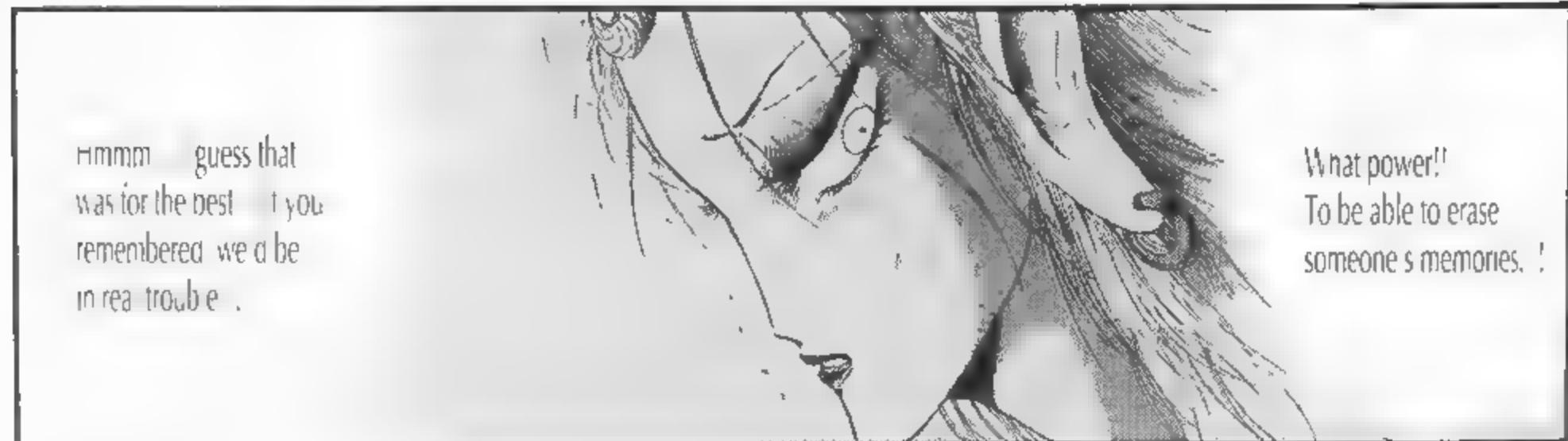


What!. You mean you don't remember anything about those monsters or that other thing!?



Hmmm... guess that was for the best... if you remembered we'd be in real trouble..

What power!!  
To be able to erase someone's memories.. !



...but wrapped  
in holiness...!!



What's most frightening...  
is that other power, that  
power of omniscience  
and omnipotence... was  
not evil...

Was it you who  
saved us!

I don't understand!  
Ignorance is frightening!  
To be ignorant is so  
frightening!!

I wonder if it  
appeared to drive  
away those monsters?

If so, it would have left  
without doing any harm,  
even if the dragon had  
not attacked...

Do you really  
have the power to  
seal those monsters

It's a dragon



It was upon our request  
that your ruler has  
come to Bett, causing  
this calamity...

We've caused you a  
great deal of trouble...  
Please accept our  
apology...

Oh my...

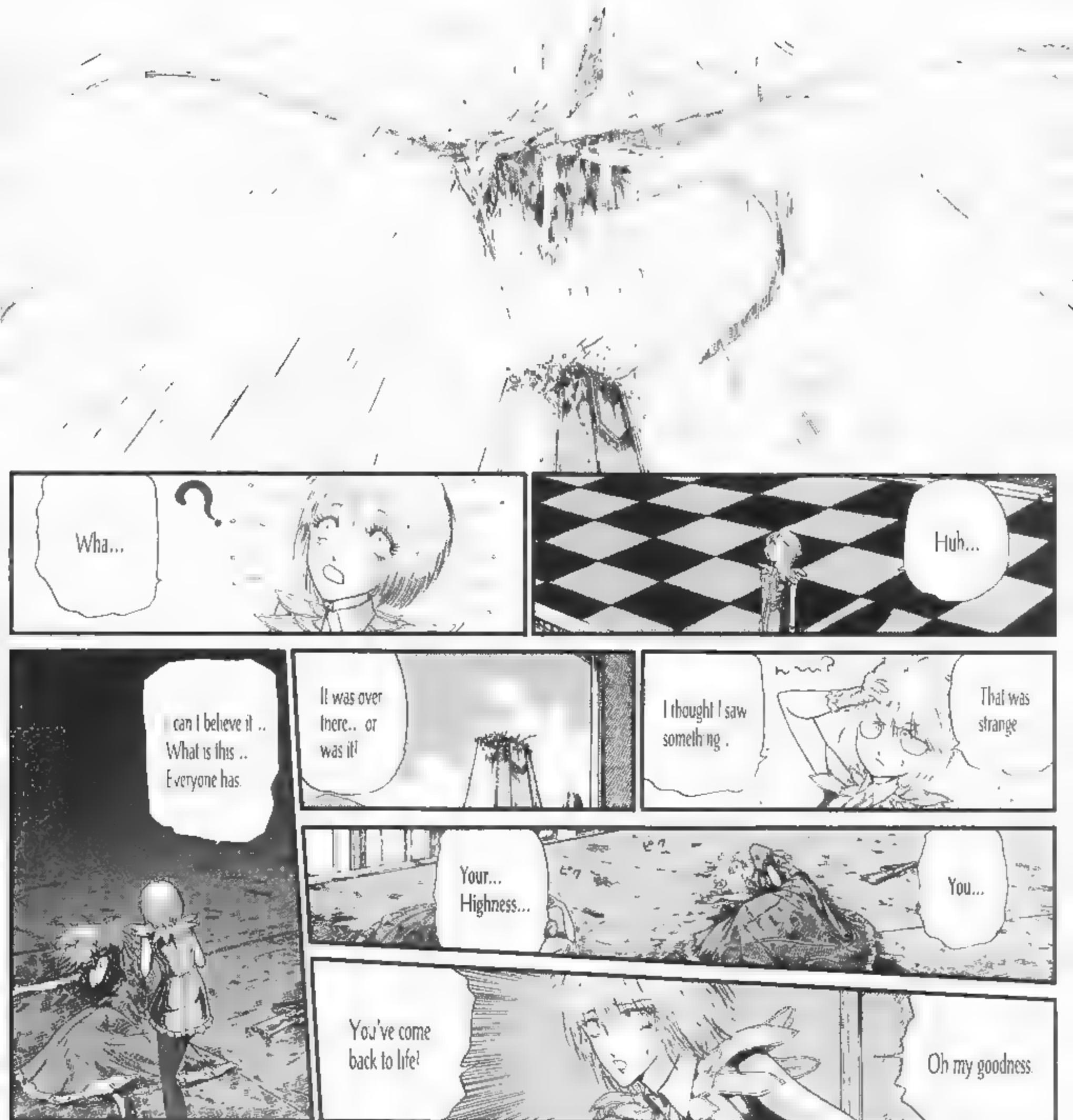
Wh... who are  
you... ma m!

Because I am an ARCH,  
I cannot intervene in your  
world, but I hope you will  
accept a small recompense...

It probably would have been better  
if you had met the other group of us  
that came to your rescue...

Destiny's Fate.

We will surely meet again on the other side of time. Farewell...



Quickly! Intensive treatment for these people!!

Your Highness!!  
Thank God  
you're alright!!

Look at all this!  
Kaien's sonic blade at work  
again, I see

I'll be fine.  
I'll rejuvenate  
in no time

Lay  
your arm

Half the Palace Guard and  
30% of the Gods, but very  
few deaths - what a day!

Any other  
casualties,  
Sir Melka?

Wait just a...  
What in the...!

Now what  
about Sir  
Kaien?



How can you  
Atowights and  
Codanles stand  
by in silence and  
let this happen?



Heh-heh-heh... Here  
not even a commoner,  
but a puppet, sits upon  
the throne. Have  
you ever heard of  
anything so ludicrous?  
laughable if it  
weren't true.

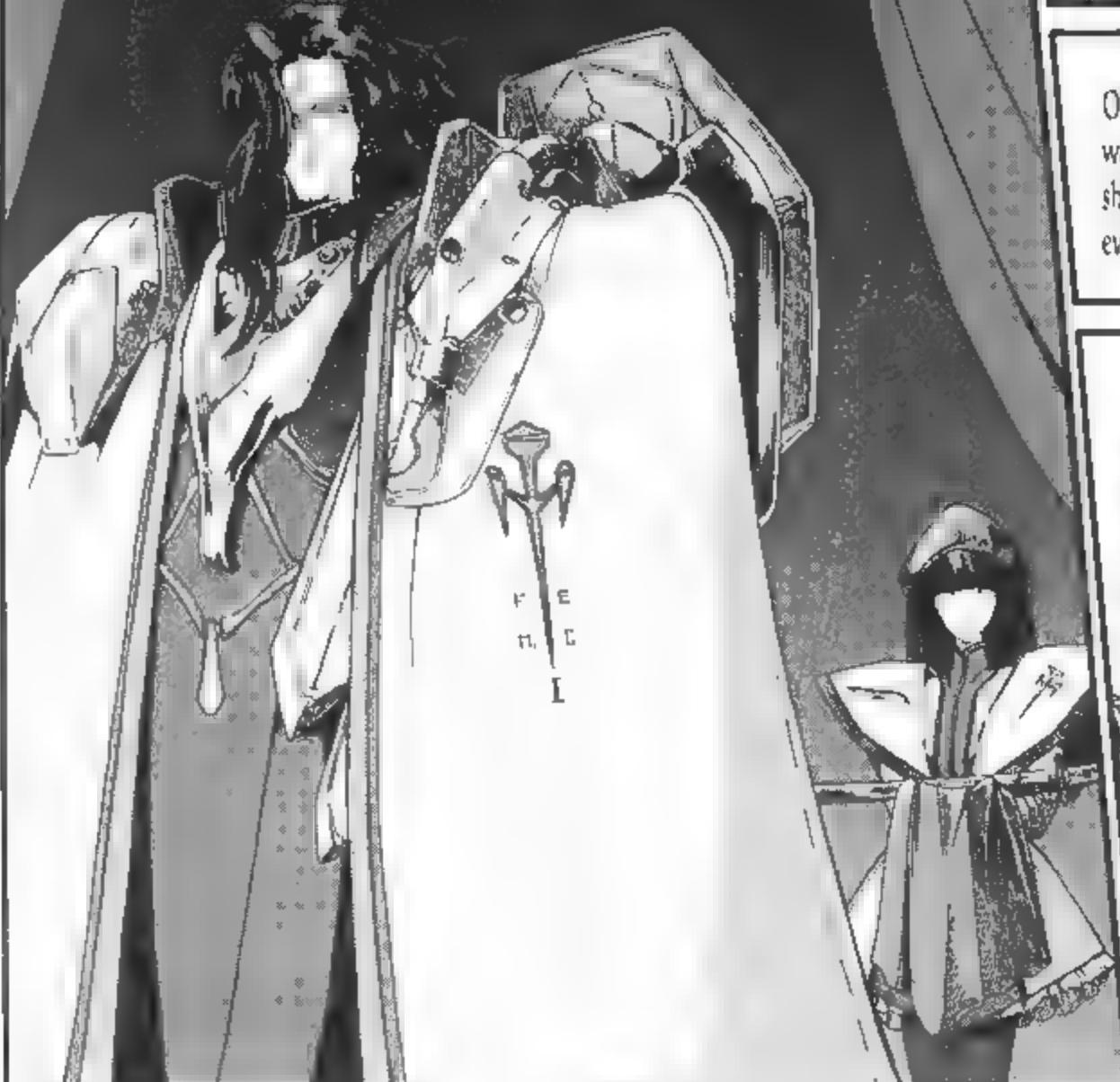


And you may  
step down as  
well. Hmph!

I'm talking  
to you, LED.

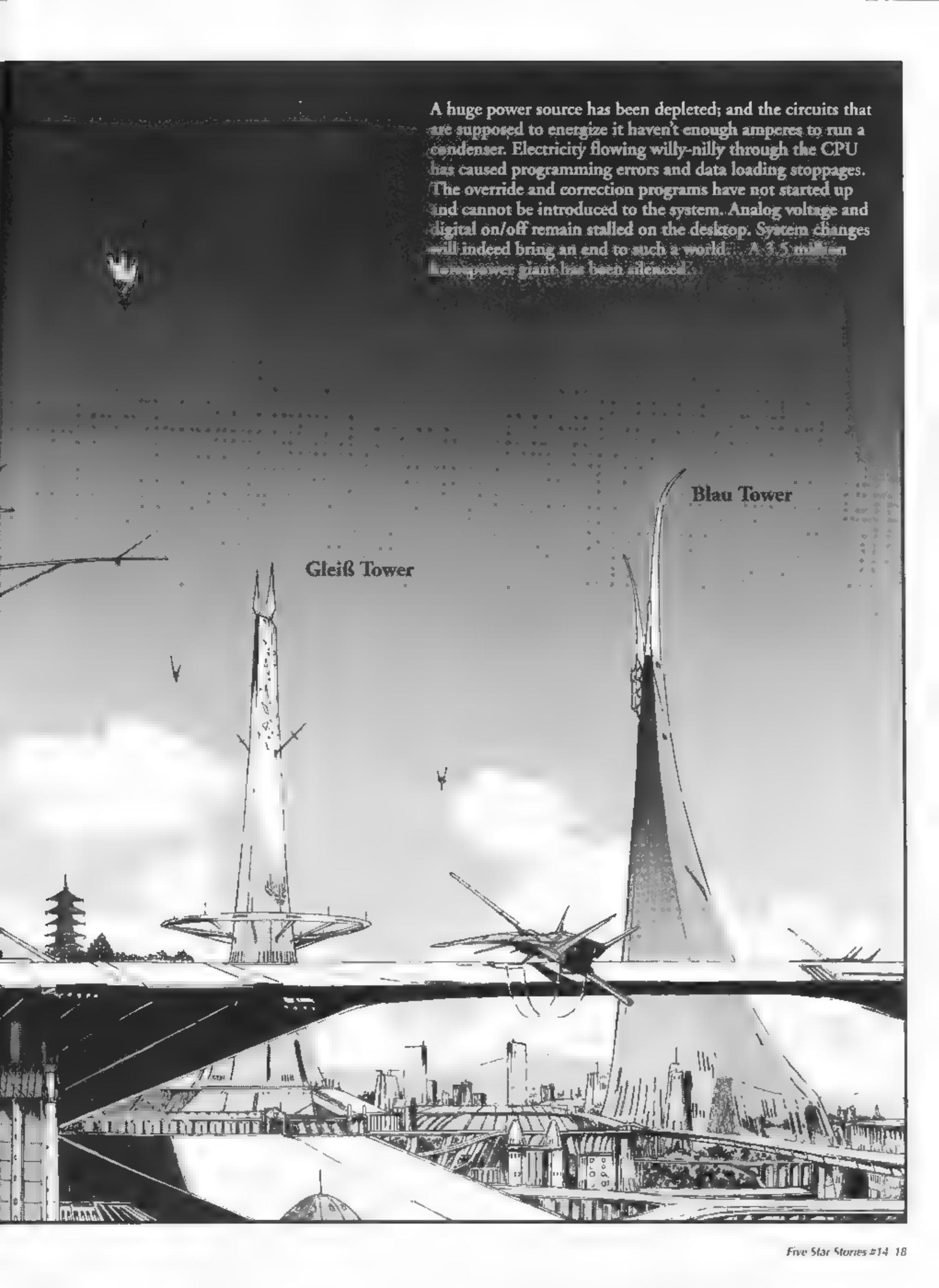


It's up to you,  
Lonn... Do every-  
thing you can to  
protect Her  
Highness safely.



Oh! See. You  
want to put on a  
show to entertain  
everyone, heh?





A huge power source has been depleted; and the circuits that are supposed to energize it haven't enough amperes to run a condenser. Electricity flowing willy-nilly through the CPU has caused programming errors and data loading stoppages. The override and correction programs have not started up and cannot be introduced to the system. Analog voltage and digital on/off remain stalled on the desktop. System changes will indeed bring an end to such a world. A 3.5 million megawatt giant has been silenced.

Gleiß Tower

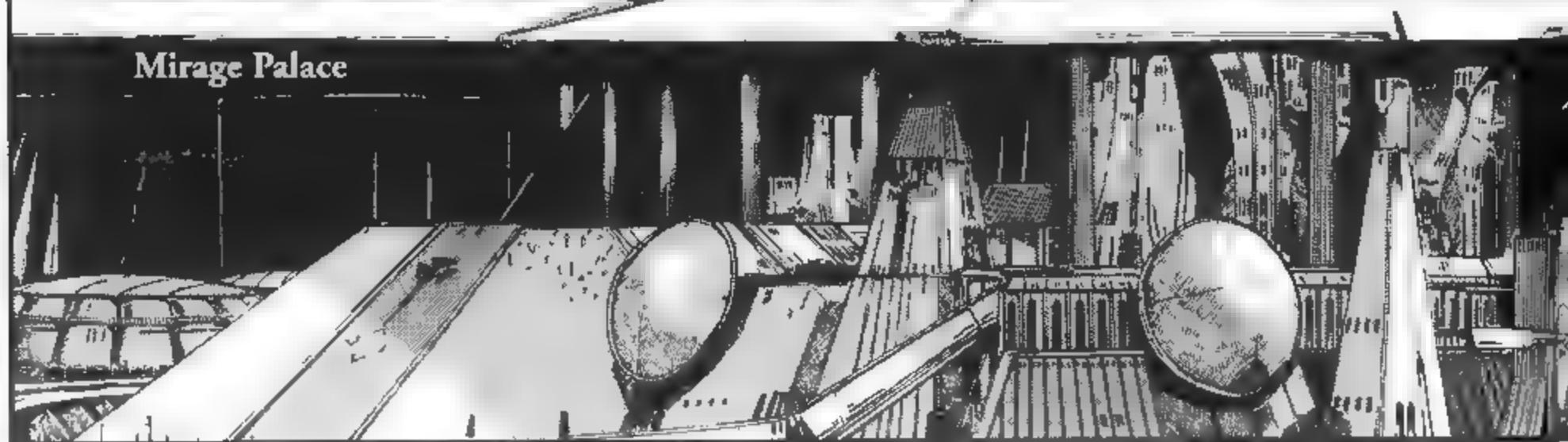
Blau Tower

Vermilion  
Flame  
Flame of Vermilion

Hell Tower



Mirage Palace



Electromagnetic  
shield... barrier  
line... battle-use  
heavy armor, huh?



Bucstual, you're  
dismissed .. you're in  
no condition for battle.  
You may go and change.



...That it is force, fear and  
dementia that form the  
essence of the Mirage  
Corps! Never forget that!

I've come to tell you  
scoundrels who have  
forgotten the real raison  
d'être of the Floating  
Temple and who now live  
in a complacency contrary  
to the AKD's true function  
in pacifying the Galaxy



Kaien! You've  
prepared well!  
But I have not come  
to engage you in a  
useless battle.



Do you have  
anything to say,  
puppet princess?

Feel fortunate that  
only a dozen or so  
deaths were  
suffered this time!

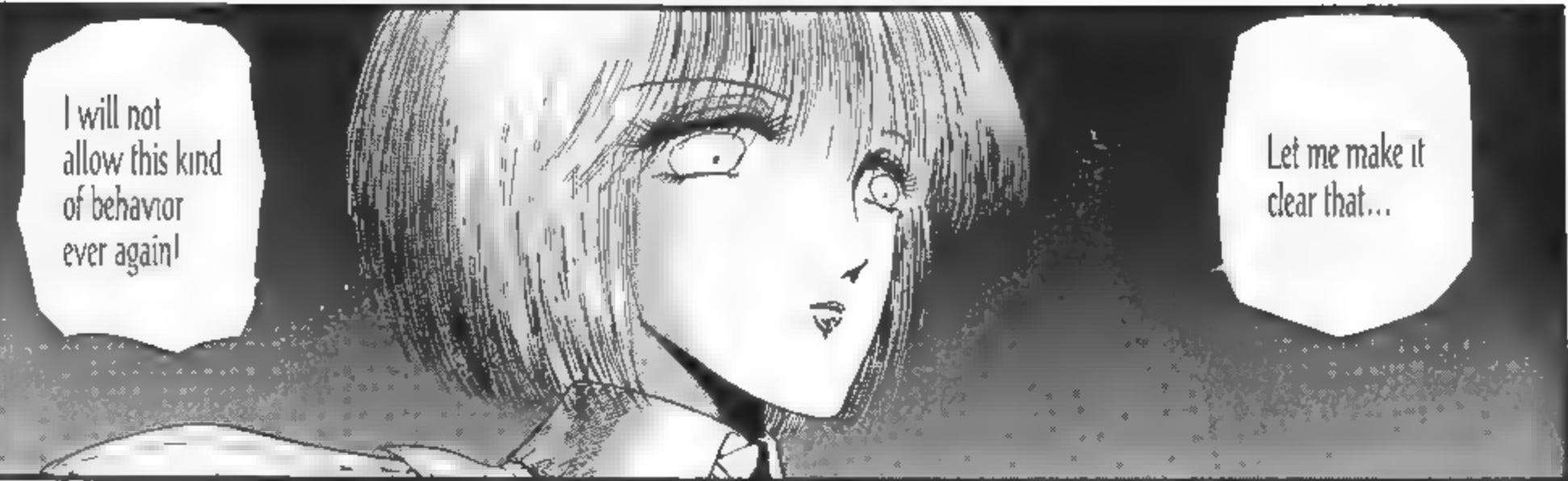
But beware! You'll  
never know when  
you will be murdered  
in your sleep by the  
likes of him.



It may seem that  
some makeshift  
maneuver calmed  
Schaft down to  
some extent...

I will not allow this kind of behavior ever again!

Let me make it clear that...



stupid fool!"

You stupid

Tsk-tsk-tsk... I had no idea Eydas IV had fallen to such depths.

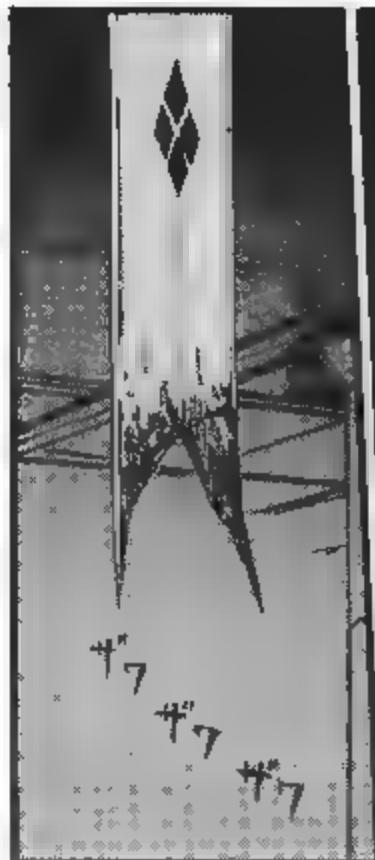
Heh-heh... That dimensional circuit nonsense won't work on me... or anything else in your arsenal...

The rest of you take care of the divers...

Your... Your Highness.

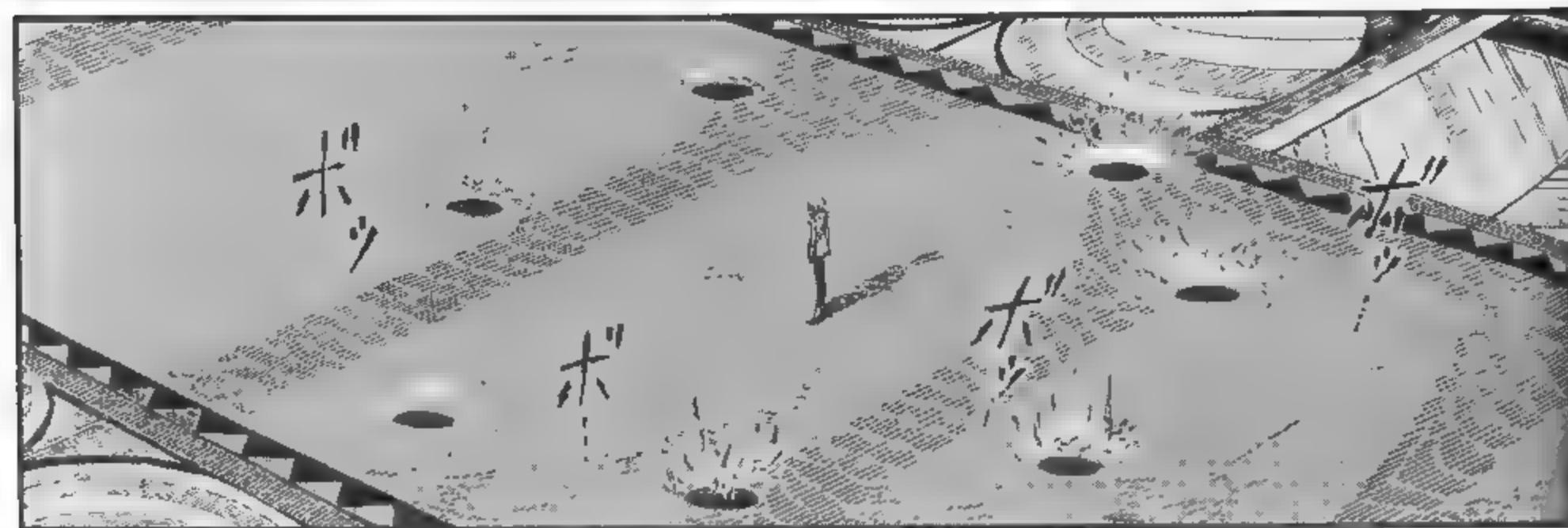
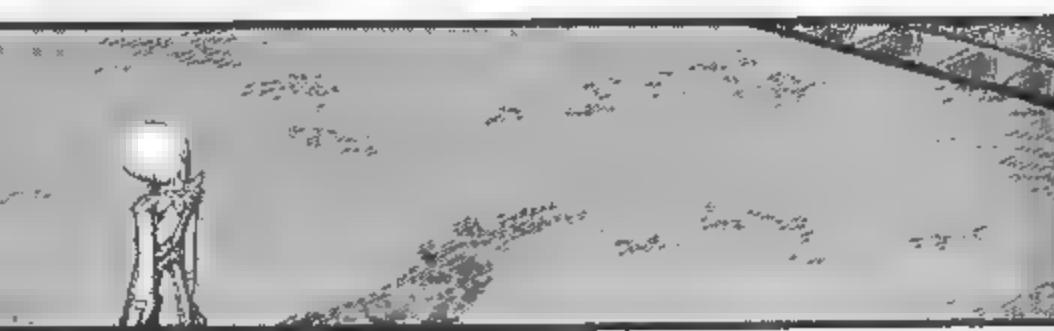
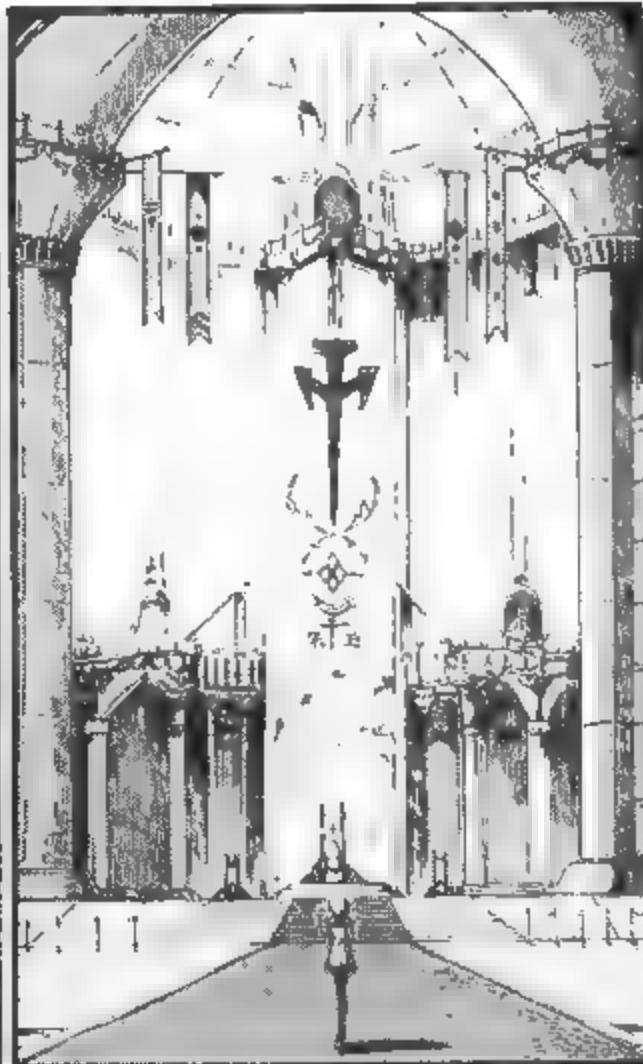
Don't worry... I'll take the headliners...

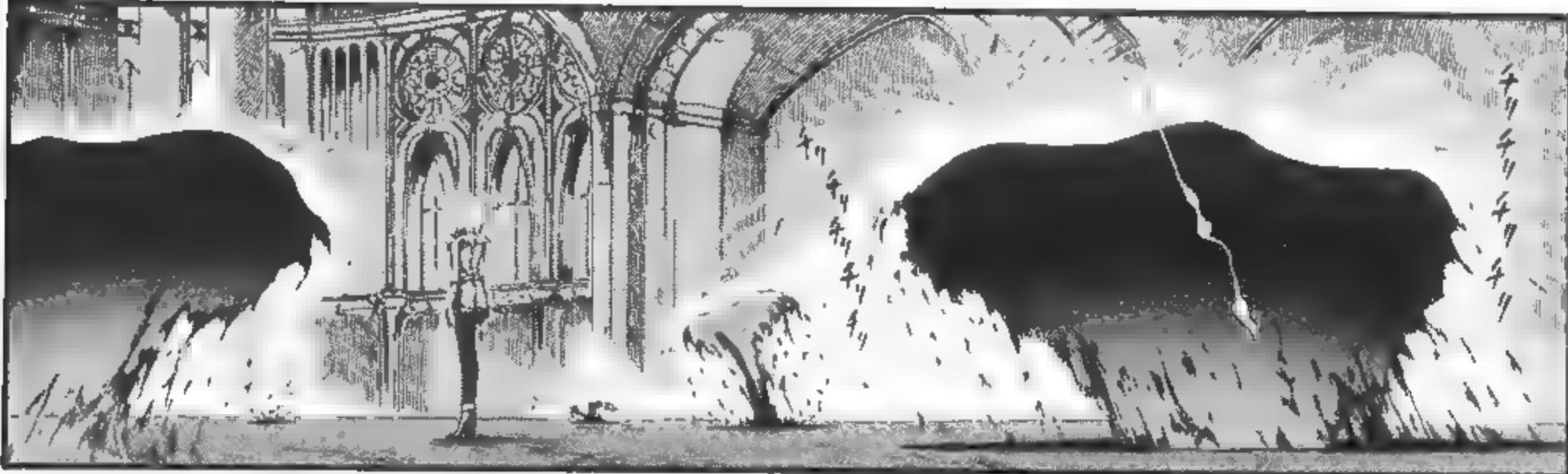




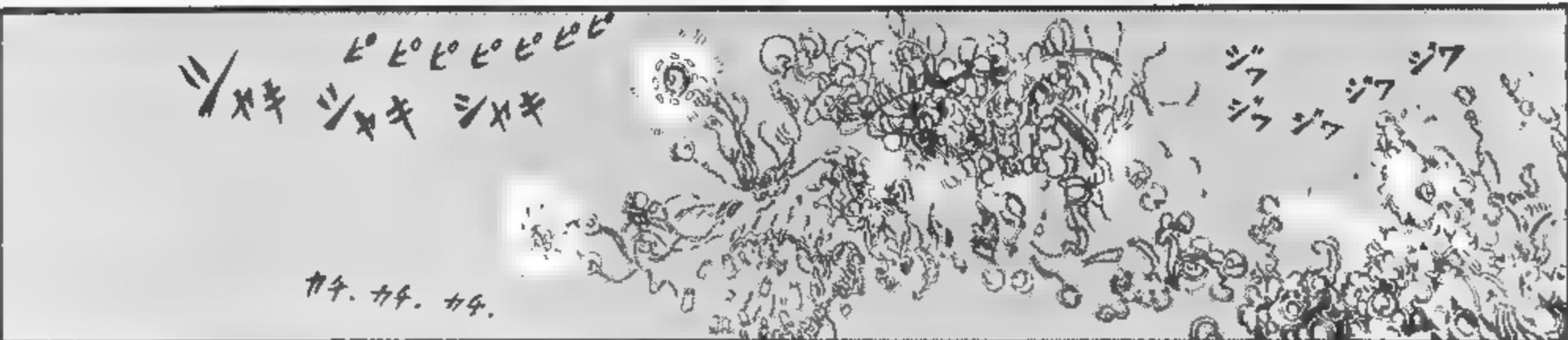
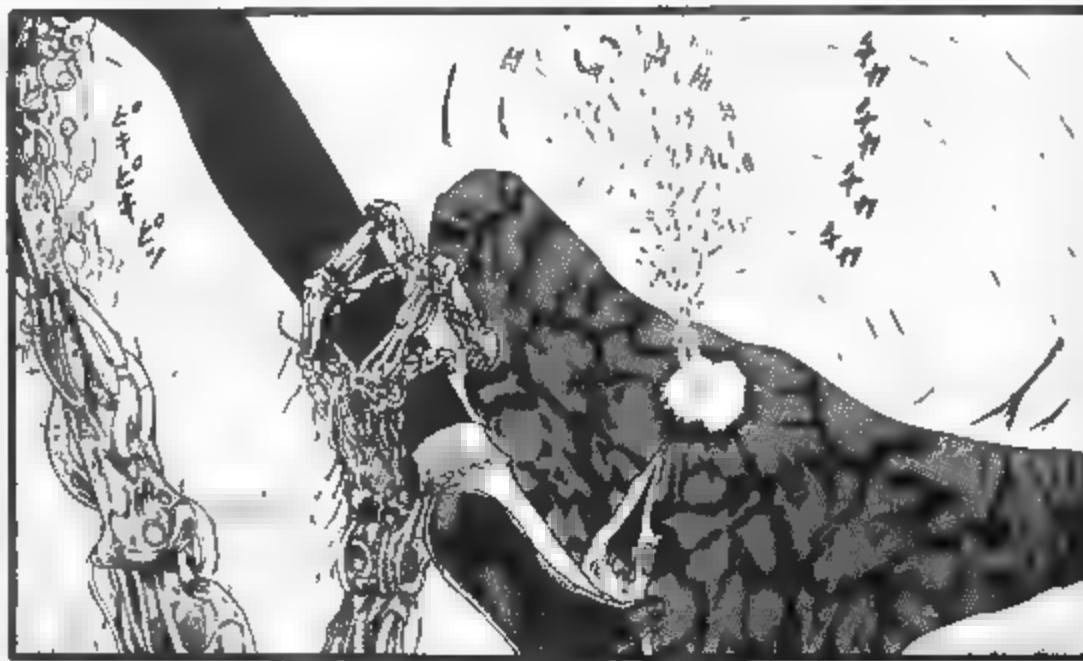
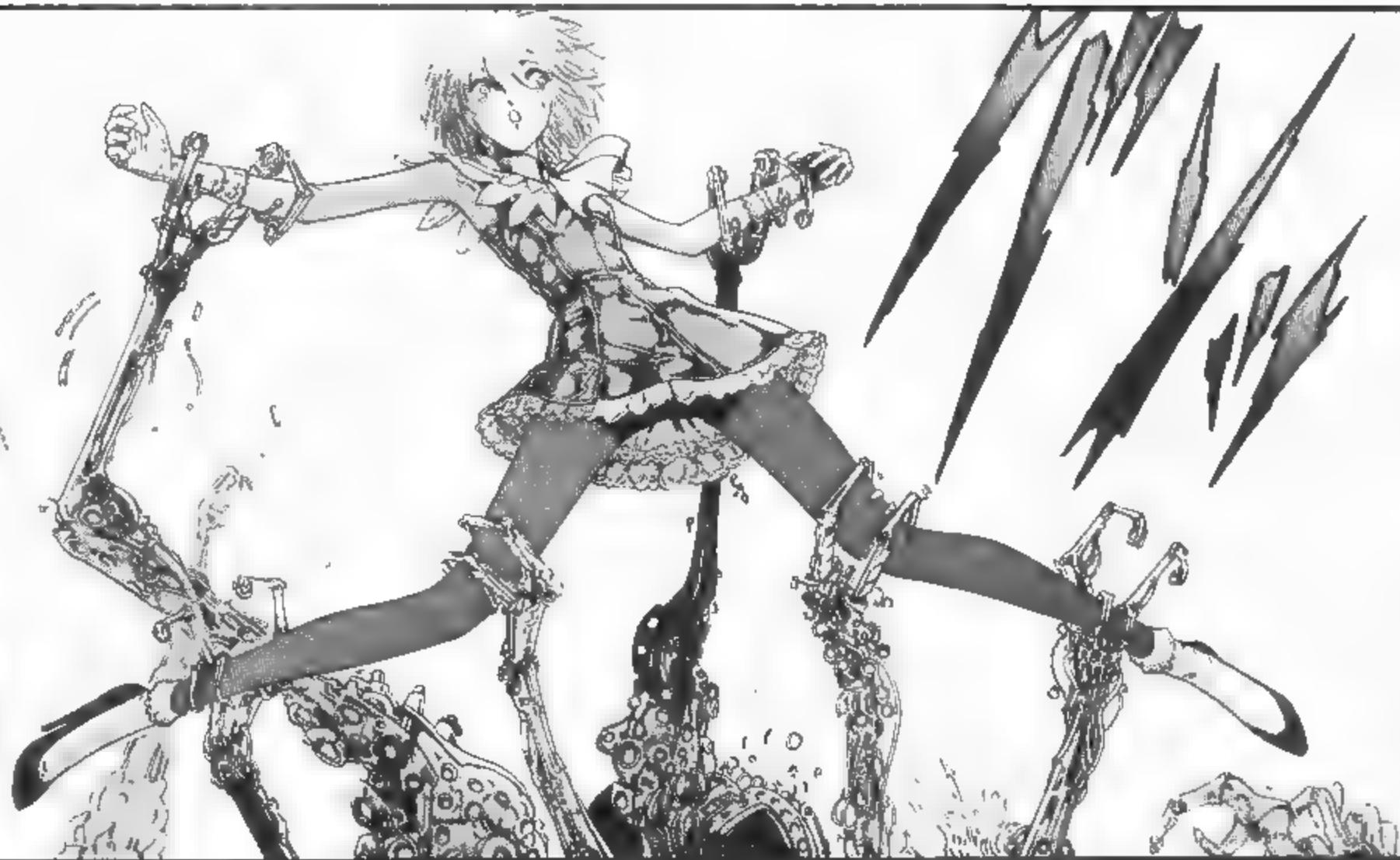


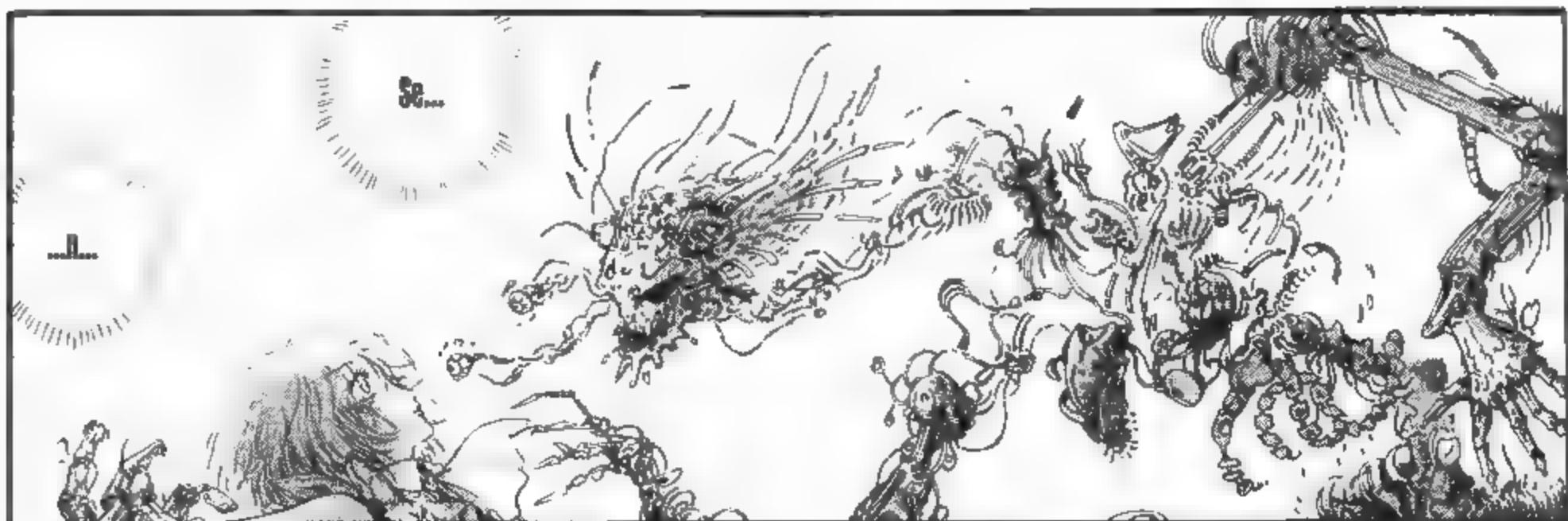
A load of  
rejuvenation filler  
just came in from the  
mainland! Hurry!











\*The word "Se-n-i-mer" in balloons of this page is to pronounce "Sehn-tar-mah".



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We cannot afford to loosen  
the bonds of destiny!

This is no time to let  
your guard down! Be  
on emergency alert for  
a little while longer...

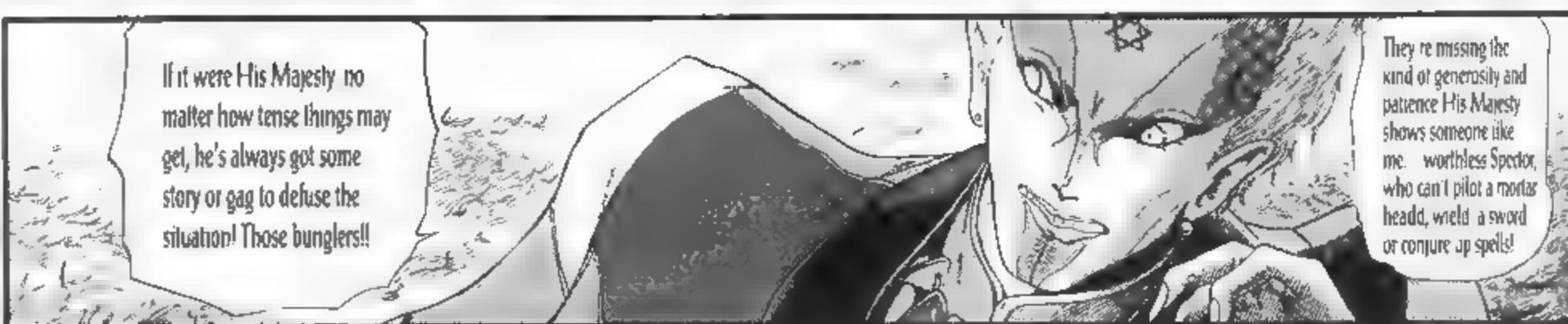
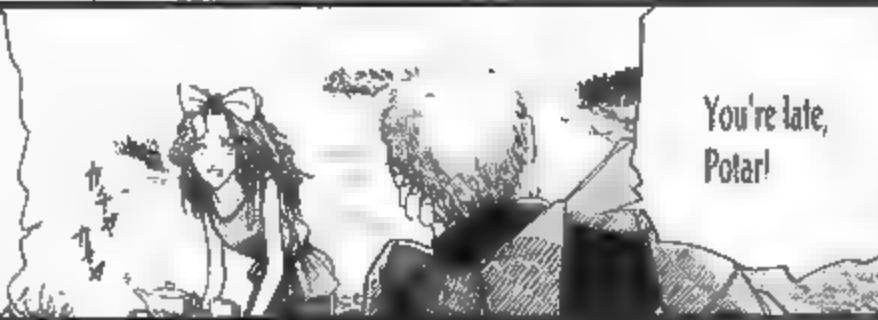


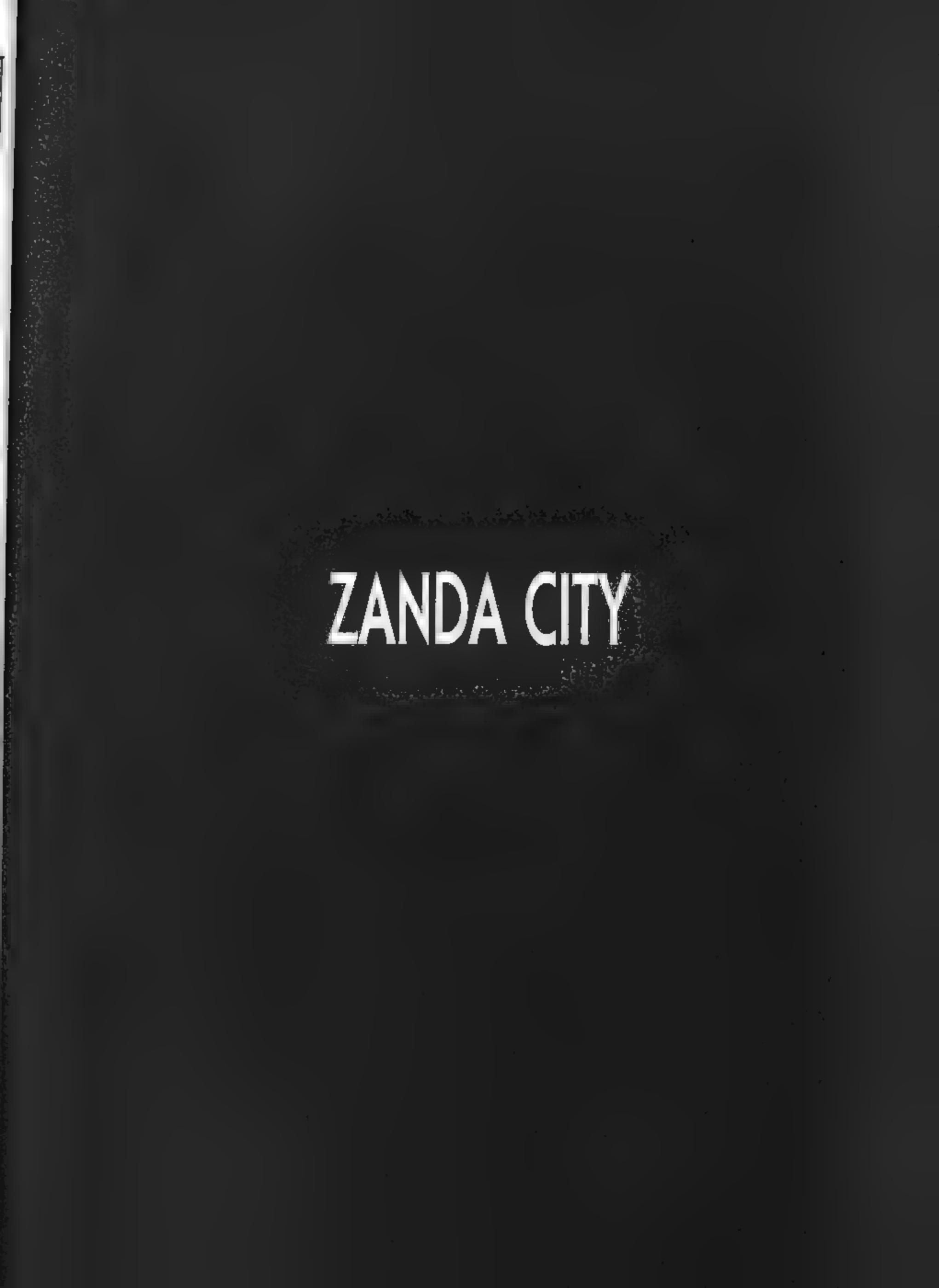
Whatever you do, please  
take care of yourself...

Farewell, mother...



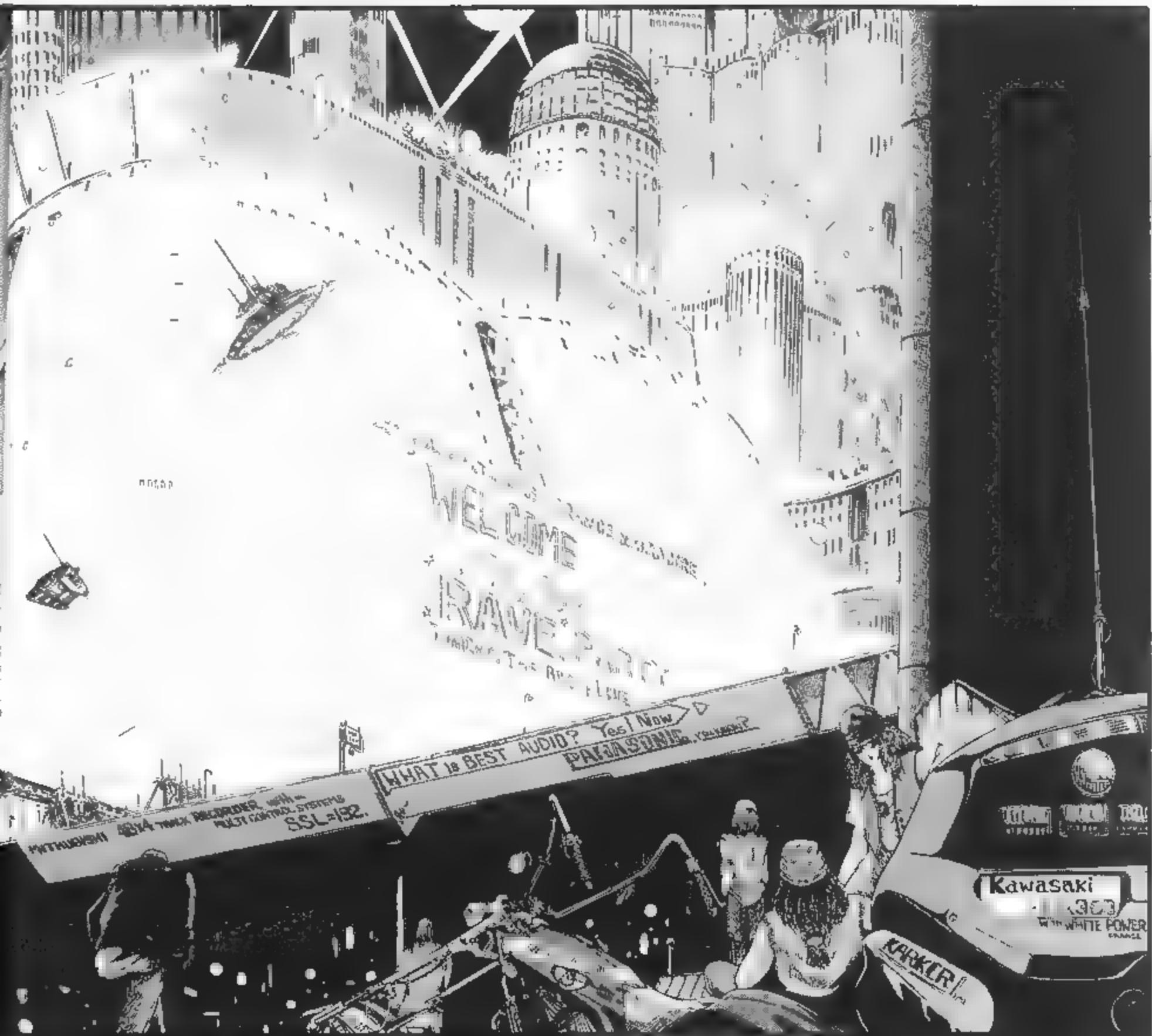
But the castle's in a complete uproar. Master! It's been turned into an ocean of blood! Tea was late...





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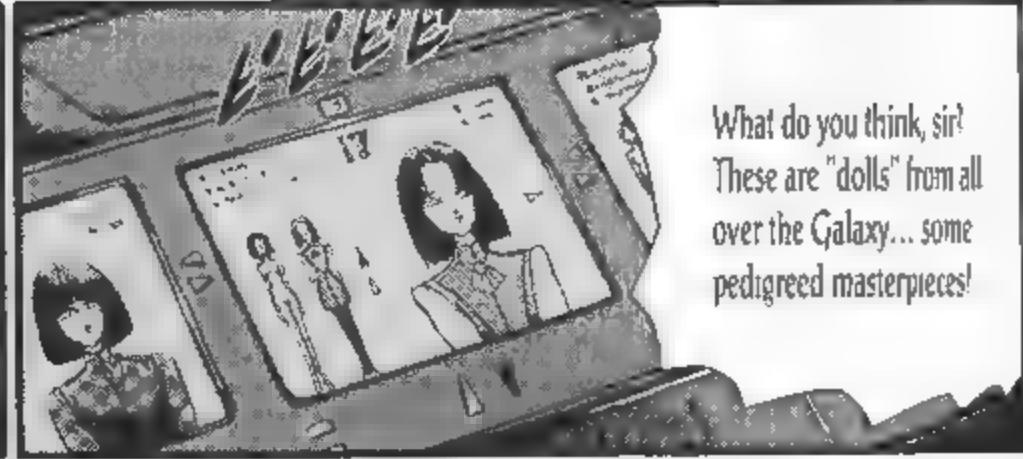
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\*feather gold is a common form of currency worth a little over \$1000 apiece

All shapes and sizes... take your pick... and ah... heh-heh-heh... lake out is also possible.



ピアスのメント  
引っぱりや  
涙が出るぜ  
ヘイトな奴らノ

Don't need  
any Xont!

I didn't  
realize.

I beg your  
pardon. .

うん、うう  
いのない  
娘嫁入りもほんと  
かわいいですね  
こ、コ  
オ・クション等々がまたも  
喜びでござります

Oh...

Hoophoo

If that meets with  
your taste... I  
just didn't like  
that one, hun?

This is about the only town where sex and kinky stuff is allowed in the hotels.



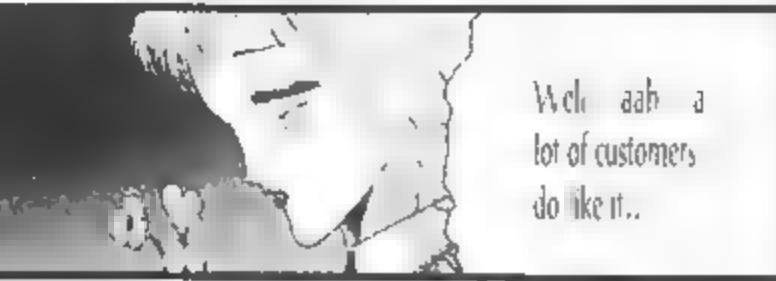
Hip but bad!  
Everywhere  
smells of acid

That kid  
reminds me  
of someone

Transvestite look  
in around here  
these days?



Wait a minute...  
aren't you a male?



I go change

Well, aah... a  
lot of customers  
do like it...



Want some  
acid?

If what's  
underneath's  
the real thing,  
I don't care



You're being  
controlled, right?

Your real name and  
serial number were  
frozen when you  
went to a temporary  
master



Heh-heh...  
can I say hah?  
Hmmm.

When did you  
first come here?  
What's your  
name?



You've got it made here,  
haven't you, Ananda?

Being able to live in  
luxury and pleasure for  
the rest of your life...

I believed what Iler told me and let the training regiment take you! I screwed up, just like him!

Not being able to dispose of you properly! Can you imagine the disgrace my father has suffered?

After you escaped, you were supposed to kill that Klbarcan knight, then yourself!

That woke you up, didn't it? Do you get it now?

!!  
Tell me the truth! Have you told anyone about the Ashura Temple's base format?

could never divulge that information - even if captured by an enemy country. They'd have to remove our brains and steal the data.

No... absolutely not. You know we...

You're in a trance now, understand this is the best I can do for you...

Okay! Now I'm going to end this long leave of absence and return to the War...

What the fuck do you think you doin'!!

CBGR

That was my  
fatima, you fucking  
sonofabitch!!

You think this is  
going pay for ruinin'  
the merchandise  
without our say-so?

You mean what  
I paid wasn't  
enough? Should  
be for the life of  
a single fatima.

How about  
another 30  
FGs?

Can't we settle  
this... ah...  
financially?

...I just love the  
sight of blood!

Come on! Be reasonable... take  
the money, fellas. 'Cause you see...

It took me a year  
to find you, but I  
finally gotcha!

I know you're just  
the temporary  
masters around here

Aaaah!!

Now I recognize you! That tattoo!!

Anyway, there's not enough action in this town...

I guess I could have just made a run for it .. but that's not my style.

Your masters are dead. Come out, all of you!

Hey, everybody! The doors are all unlocked..

You could have lived a longer and more prosperous life.

Prince Krakenbeal Mejojo, third in line of succession to the Mejojo Dynasty, commander of the Roundabout Palace Guard!!

I've got some thing to do - it was my master's last wish

I'm leaving

What are you going to do?

You may stay here if you like... or return to your home countries... But in a place like this you'll never radiate like you were created to!

I'm changing into my real clothes!

I'm releasing the controls put on each of you. You'll all be free soon!

よたばた

Tonight's rave is  
starring all of you!  
Ha-ha-ha!

Now you're all free!  
Go wherever you want.  
"Seek out your next."

Oops! ...I mean Palsuet

I'm Palsette...

Your name  
I was never  
told

Stay well, Palsuet

Nooo! empty:  
Haunches all  
dried up!

Have you found your  
daddy yet? That cute  
husband of yours...

It's probably a rat  
party. Welcome  
back... Relax and  
enjoy yourself.



Directly into  
the frontal lobe!

Neck? Scalp?  
Or Xont...

They're not what they  
used to be. Where do  
you want the injection?



Rosen Croit crying...  
Kaien fat! Become  
plump, Ryokurei!



Remember when Ecstasy\*  
was still around... now  
those were the days!  
Nowadays one hit of  
Brain Cracker'll cost you  
a month's worth of fun..

Yeah I know... That's  
what everybody's  
doing these days..  
We're all broke.



\*The same narcotic that powered the hardcore rave revues on the club scene in London during the 1980s, but disappeared due to self-restraint on the part of users. Its disappearance could also have been due to the revival of trip music like Amon Duul and Tangerine... very strange. Anyway, all drugs on Joker are industrial-based, because natural substances like marijuana and opium cause anti-bodies to be formed in the bloodstream and so have no effect on Joker humans. Therefore, artificial substances like amphetamines, crack, angel dust and LSD have evolved in the underworld culture. There are also "diving acid" made by the Galaxy's sorcerers (divers) and the king of all drugs, DNA (runing "brain crackers," which are strictly outlawed, carry heavy penalties for possession and require neutralizing agents to prevent permanent brain damage.



There's another  
reason for the "hip  
but bad" vibes...

Their leader is named Di-Barrow, chancellor of the neighboring kingdom of Seable.

The story about what everybody calls the "sorcerer's empire"?

Do you know..

They seem to have started dealing a drug made using their power, called "diving acid" . and they're stealing our business.

It's a group that's trying to break away from the Para-Divers Guild and take over the town here..

The Rosen Croil is a secret society . We can't do anything about it.

We can't let them take over.. Why don't you get in touch with Amaterasu's Para-Guild and ask them to run the bums out of town!

O.d diver!

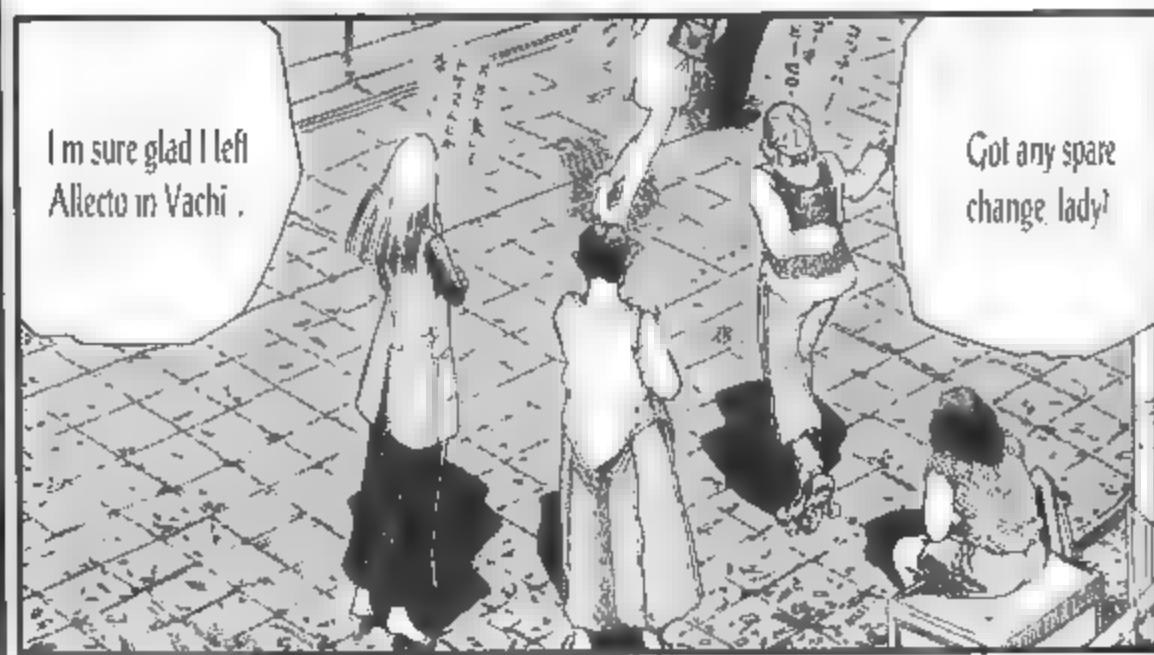
Those were the days! Drugs, hookers, the protection racket... there was nobody hipper than those two ..here in Zanda City!

That's why everything is so odious around here. If only our leader, Duke Bugle de Leizer, and Paltenon were still alive..

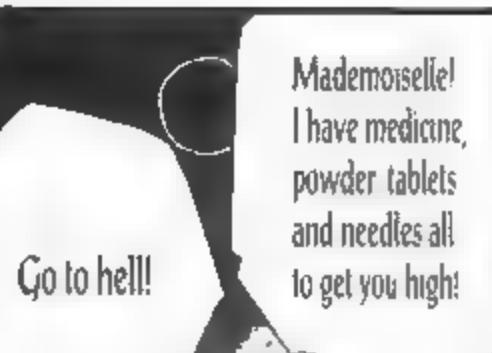
...Allen Bradford, wasn't it, Madam Qukey?

Anyway.. I hope you find that missing husband of yours ..

Meanwhile, in another location of Zanda City...



Some town you've got here, Schat!



Mademoiselle!

I have medicine,  
powder tablets  
and needles all  
to get you high!

漢方

◎シント系の物  
セイヨウモリコト  
☆天然パッカ油  
全100種類以上  
・本マグロ大粒  
・シロナガスクジ  
・スマートルーフ  
・レモンハーブ  
・オクラギョウ  
・イッポンスズ  
・マツタケスズキ  
・カニ  
・クマノミ  
・スパゲッティ  
・レバ  
・ベーコン

めちゃキク  
◎蜜麻薬(?)  
◎性神薬(?)  
あり〼  
あらゆるフレンド  
☆ルートガム  
☆オーラルバー  
☆オーラルラブ  
☆エックス・エックス

This must be the  
drug store capital  
of the Galaxy.  
What language  
is that?



I was informed that  
you were in town..

ORIENTAL MAGIC!!  
You get Young

You are aware that I  
can communicate  
telepathically with the  
Castle's White Luchs,  
are you not?

INFORMATION  
TODAY'S ACT  
★ BASS O' MATIC  
★ DJ DANNY LOADING  
◆ THE AGE OF LOVE  
★ URBAN

Let me apologize  
for calling you at  
this hour, Princess  
Aisha...

And I suppose you  
know that His  
Majesty has come to  
Kastenpo alone..



An emergency  
has occurred.

The Mirages in the  
Demons' Tower ran  
amok. The only  
problem remaining is

Okay. In short, today  
there was an uprising at  
the Floating Temple, but  
it was put down success-  
fully. The cause of the  
uprising was a huge drop  
in the power supply to  
the sealed towers.

Cut the formal  
crap, Ting, and  
get to the point!



Ting! Tell me  
the truth...  
What happened?

You mean,  
something  
happened to  
His Majesty!

...why the power  
dropped..

Well, Lonn lost  
her left arm...  
that's about all



The model bitch  
disappeared!

What was  
that flash?

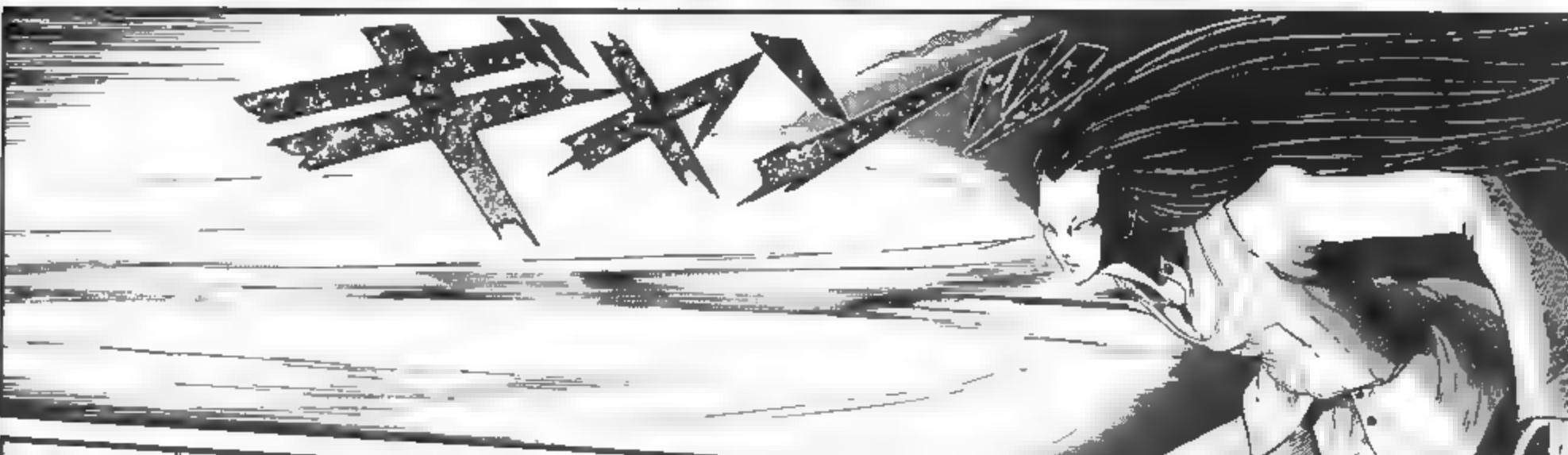
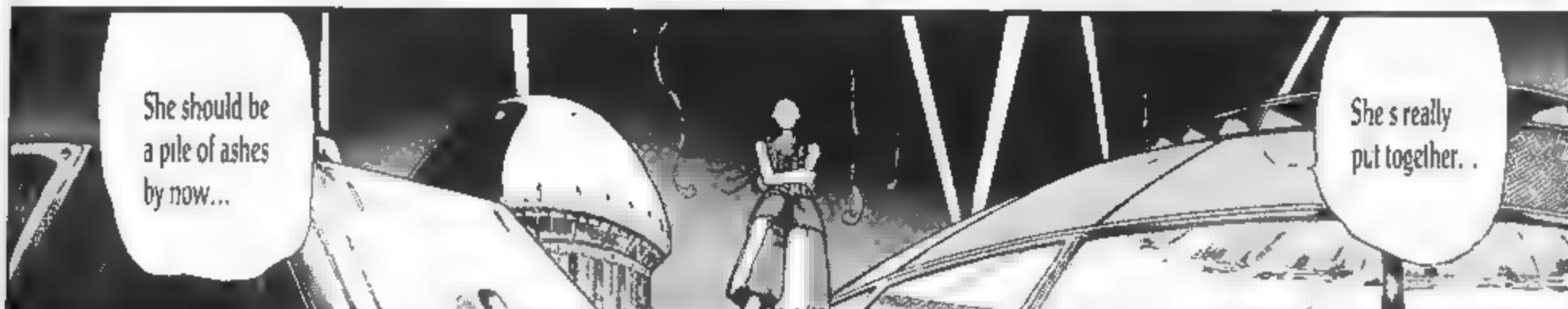
No swords! Just  
our bare hands!  
Excellent!

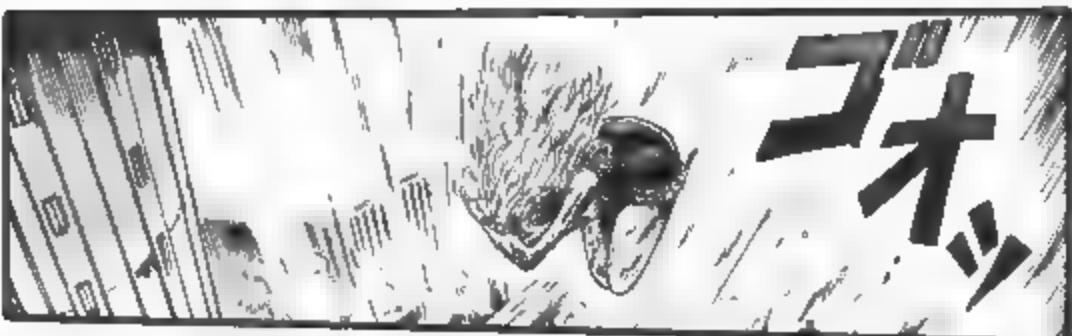


Look out!

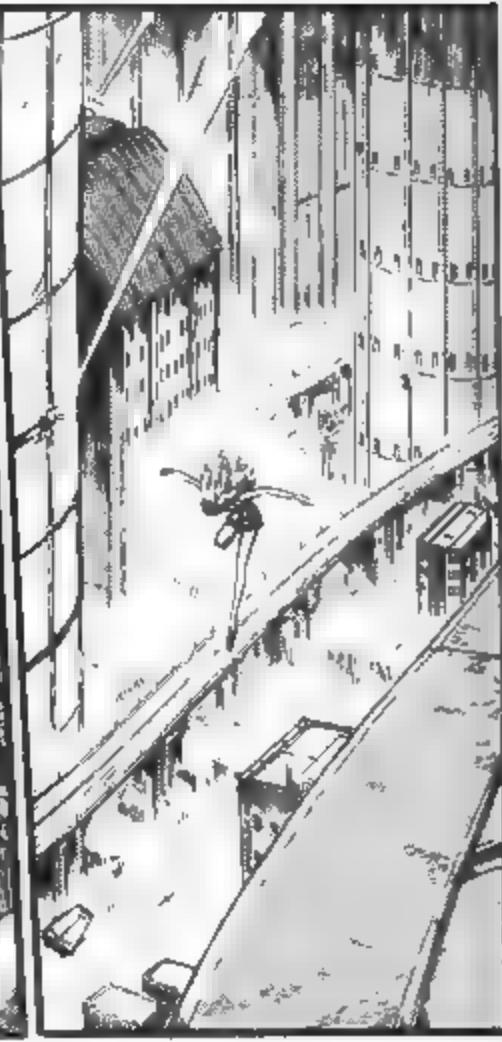
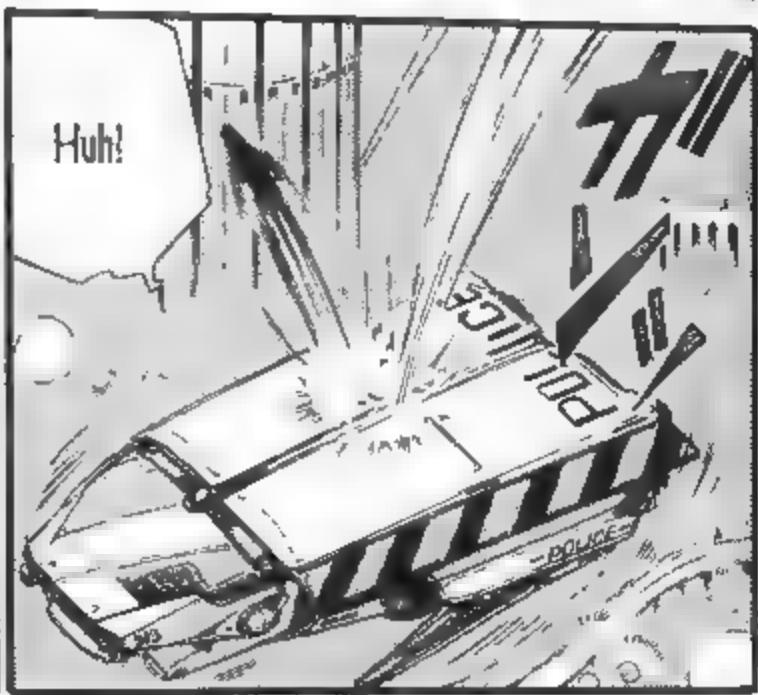
That's what happens  
when you combine  
headliner and diver  
powers!

Now this is what  
happens when  
you're struck with a  
bolt of electricity at  
headliner speed!

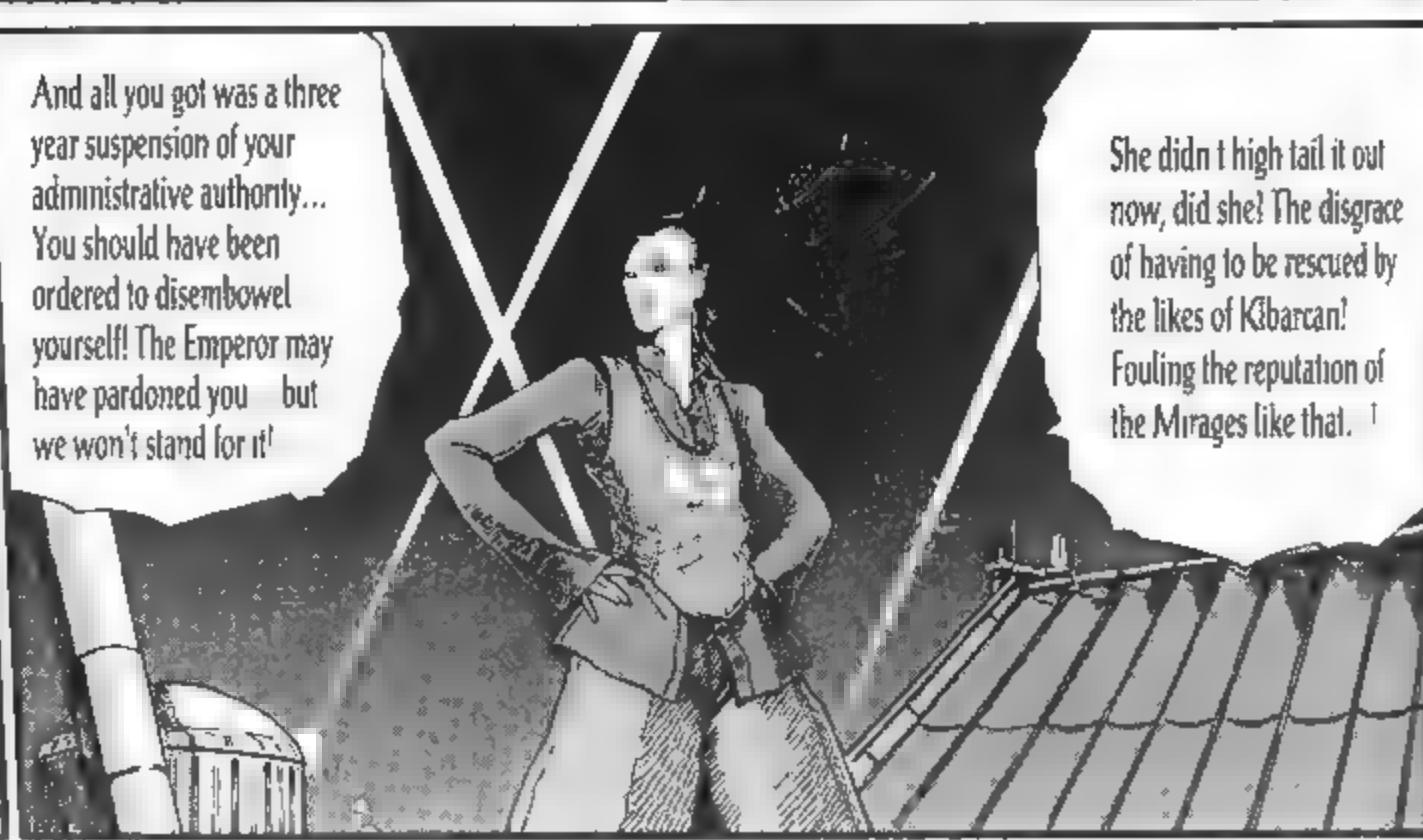




With the intuition of  
a dragon! How could  
she be even moving!!



An arm or two can't be helped.  
No! Due to other Mirages  
have to end without incident.



She didn't high tail it out now, did she? The disgrace of having to be rescued by the likes of Kibarcan! Fouling the reputation of the Mirages like that. ^

...until you  
reach me!

If you come at  
me head on, You  
won't be able to  
evade me...

Burn, baby, burn...

Body sonic!!

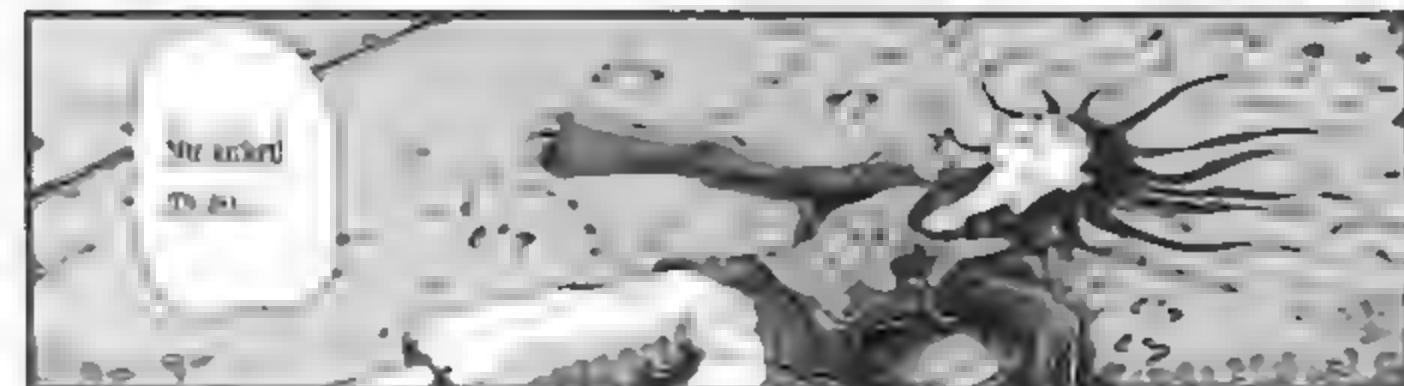
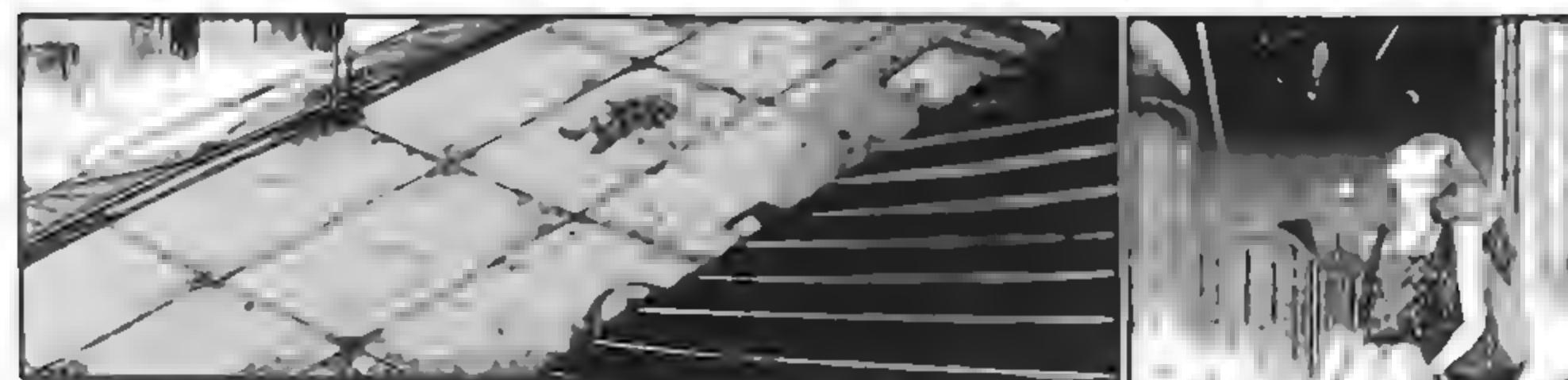


Now talk!



I'm not going to ask  
you again. Prince  
Ko-Far Shemar.  
Where is the  
Emperor?

Or I'll pull your head  
off from the jaws, tear  
out your brains and  
find out what I wanna  
know from the data



Mr. Anderson  
D. J. A.



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I guess... that's what makes the Mirages... so... intriguing.

Wow... Using body sonic... to evade the flames and jumping me... Unbelievable!

...the exhilaration... in being... a Mirage Knight.

...but also...

Oh yeah... I remember now... The thing... that makes me... loyal to the Emperor... is... certainly fear..

I'm done for... chest collapsed lungs punctured ..

Blooosh!

Both shoulders... dislocated ..

Rather... than that.

Leave me alone! You think... I'm going to... die on you... in this... condition!

I'll start treatment at once!

Your Highness!

Also... inform... Schaft... here... in Kastenpo... Hurry...!

Inform... Princess Codante... will... deploy the MH... from Vachi... to retrieve him...

Find... him... Find... the place... where... His Majesty .. was... last conscious ..

Got to get... word to... the Para-Guild ... Emer... gency...

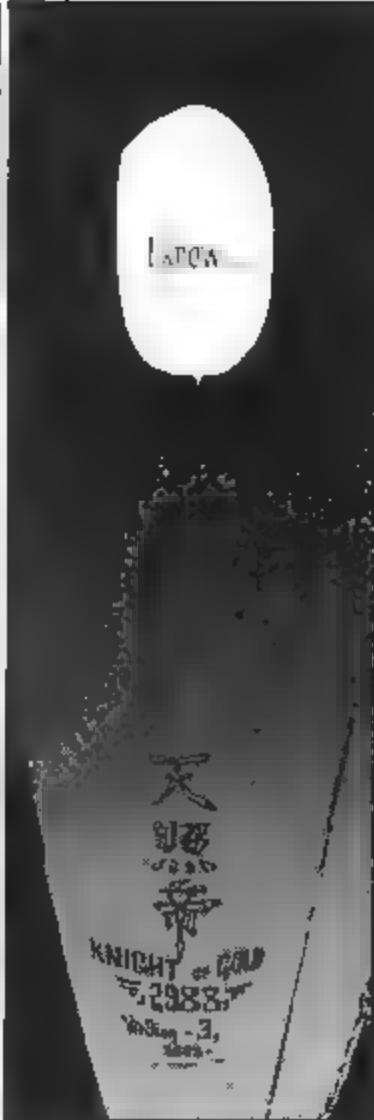
I've done something  
that I shouldn't have



Switching his  
power ON



Mister Sopp told  
me not to do it.  
and know why



LAPTOP



Neither of us has  
enough strength.

I want to go..  
but I can't  
leave now..



But. Mr Sopp  
doesn't have any Mirage  
MHs... to help him..



Please, Paltenon!!

Take care of  
the Jagd!



That's why the Jagd  
mirage was born..  
I think

Chao, my silly little  
sister! Danke, danke! I'm  
so thankful! Boo = Gin!  
You're so hip... and  
good, too!! Grazie!



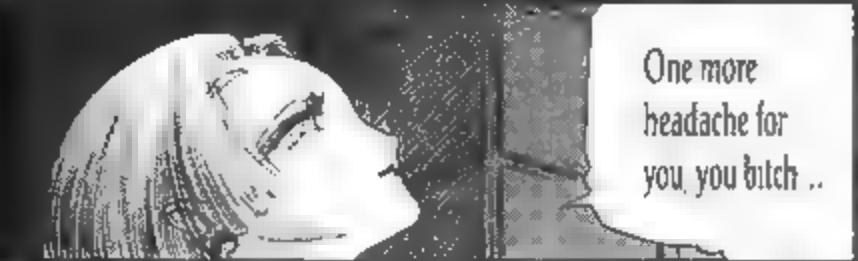


Bhwa-ha-ha-ha-ha-ha!  
...Whoooooeeeeee!

There's no ship in the AKD that could have prepared and transported that MH.

No, she was right.

Letting them go like that...



One more headache for you, you bitch...

She must be out of her mind...



What do you think?

Is there something bothering you? The Emperor! That MH!



It's okay... You can cry now... You don't have to hold it back anymore.

I'm not like Zoom... I'm a real child!

I know Saion. It must have been scary for you.

I've grown up, huh! I've proven myself a true member of the Eydas IV family! I should be worried about its fate.

Who is going to control the AKD without the Mikado? After that incident at the Palace...

Waaaaahhhh! I was so scary, mommy!

But told you she's very frightening and dangerous



I know  
I know  
There, there

She's... a monster... that's what she is!

But...



I won't let you abandon me!  
I'd kill you first, like I did to  
my real mother and father!!

You are going to grow up  
into magnificent warrior  
worthy of the title Prince  
karuga . And until that  
day when I become your  
partner in both name and  
reality...

Please stay with me,  
mommy! Don't hate me!

But remember  
you're an  
Amaterasu  
prince buck up!

Don't worry.  
I'm a computer..  
could never  
betray you. Salon.

I'm by your  
side! Be brave!

but Salon's  
loving mother

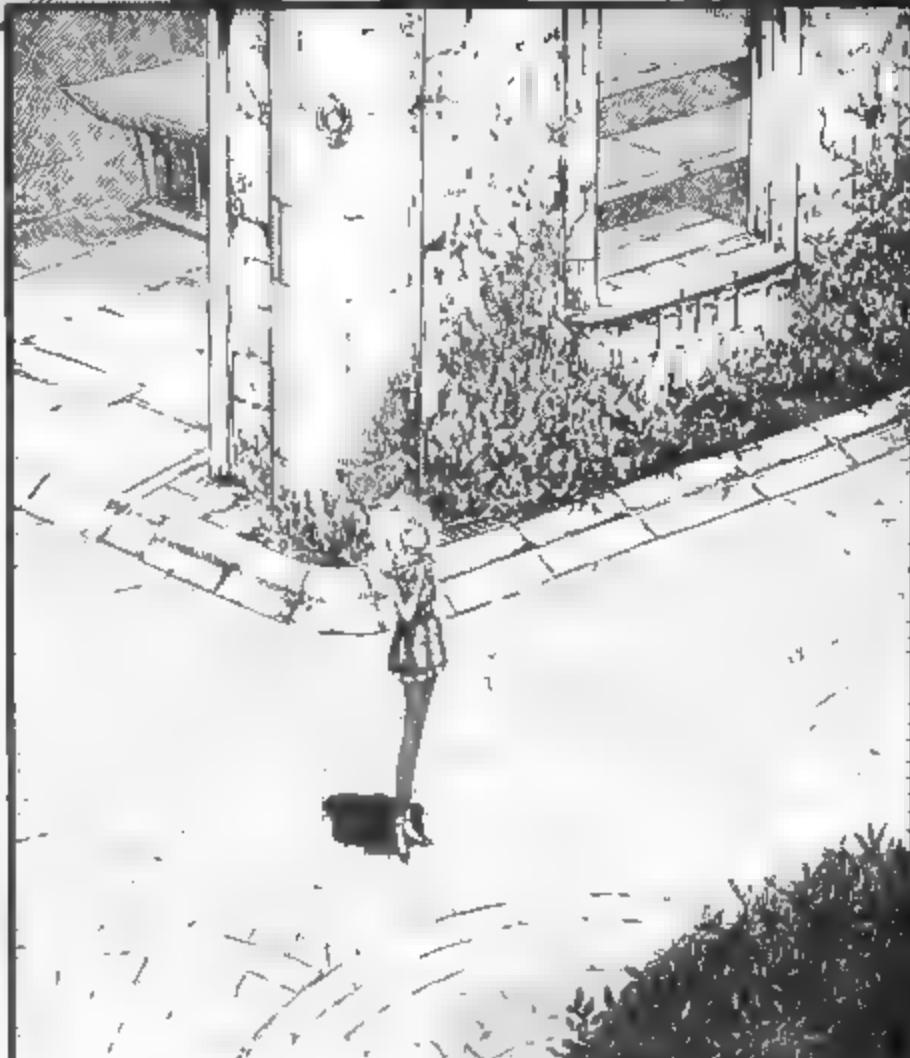
All my fatima functions  
will remain deactivated  
so that I won't be Major  
sired by Dr Ballanche

The lag is no more  
than a baby still in  
the womb .

\*\*\*\*\* I'm worried

There's  
nothing to  
worry about

Sniff..



It's not good for Lachesis.. to be .. so sad.. Everybody is . worried.. about you

Paltenon's mind control .. may have.. failed .. but her MH skills. are amazing .

Bucstuall

The Mirages. . are all.. very smart.. and obedient..

Really stop worrying.

I'm sorry.. I just ..

A.I. , raised them .. with tender .. loving.. care..

The M kado.. The meadliners .. we .. fal mas ..

Bucstua ..

I'm so sorry  
Bucstual... Please  
forgive me!

Never mind me ..  
I m.. just.. a robot..

You've done nothing ..  
wrong.. You've done.  
all .. you can ..

Why are  
you crying?

Your humanity ..  
your emotions.. were  
all taken away.. so  
you could develop  
and control MHs ..

No. That's not  
true you ..  
you.

Now.. you're  
trying to laugh ..  
to cheer me up..



Cheer up...  
Everybody is...  
worried.  
about you

You are...  
a princess...  
Everyone's...  
counting on you

His Majesty...  
will return ..  
home . safe...

.. at over  
you .

My nose is  
running.

Ah ..

Buddif duo mains characters and stichh appear today. there's a chance dat des won't be able to appear for de next three years. sound like some catoro

oking at you nose, I sense more hopelessness than hope

Kastenpo...



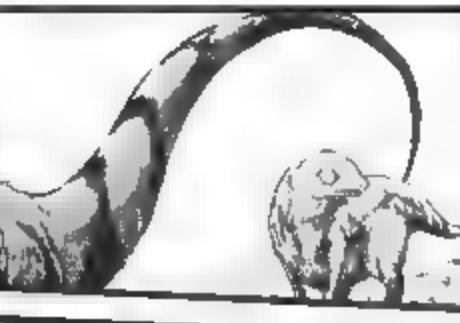
Aaaaaah... This  
must be what it's  
like to be raped...



Stop it! You're eating  
like.. animals!



Aaarghh...



Something big...  
to have frightened  
them all away...

Something's  
coming!!

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I'm done for...!

What am I gonna do?

Did it fall  
down...?

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じたばた!!

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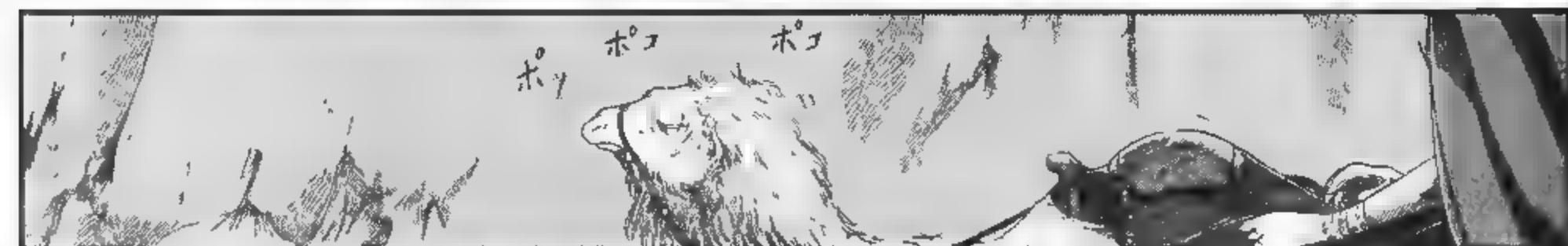
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Now it's  
back on  
its feet..

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I hate this... my skin's all dried up and cracking.

A giant penguin?

On second thought... what in the world is that?

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What the...

...and a ta right?

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Huh?

Wings..  
ok.

It's my turn!

Now we got it

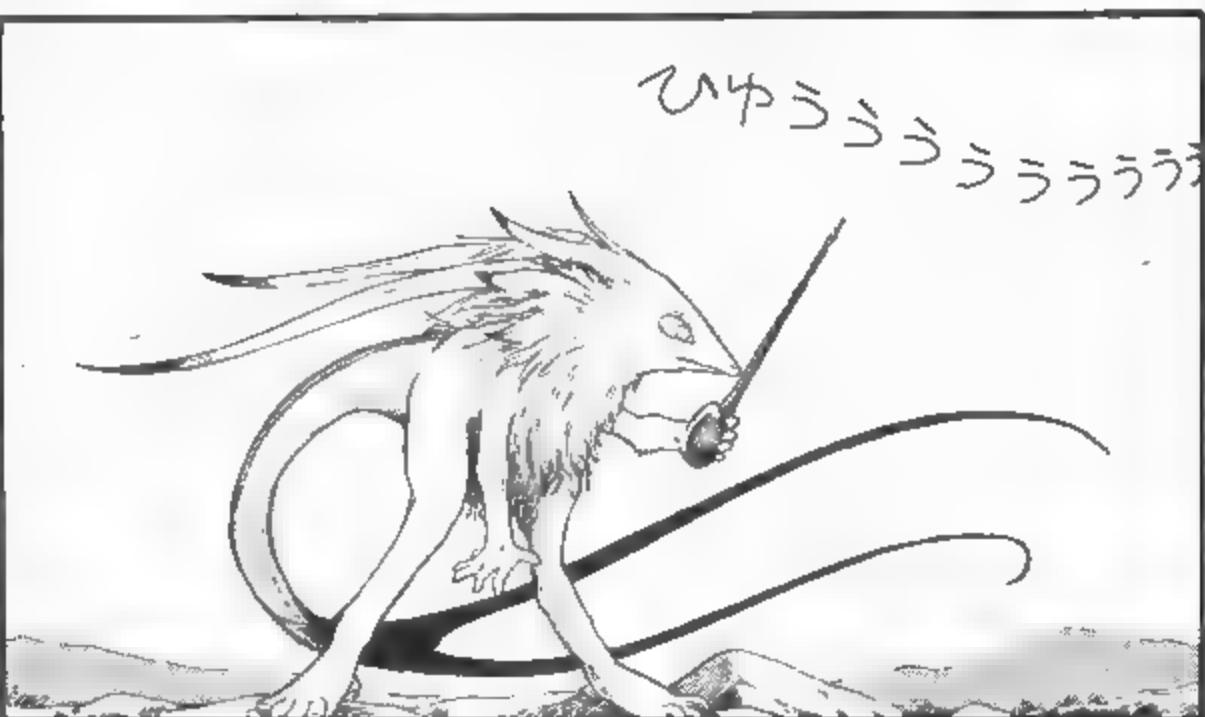
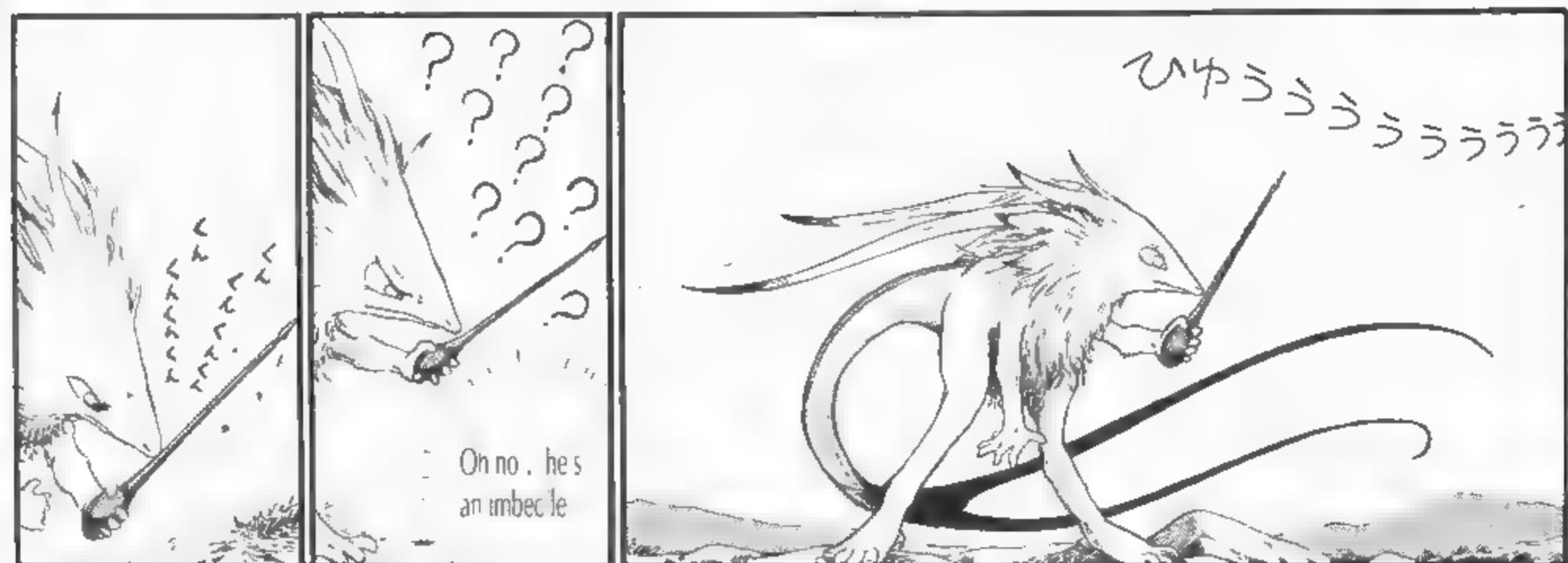
and you're pretty hot stuff, I see.

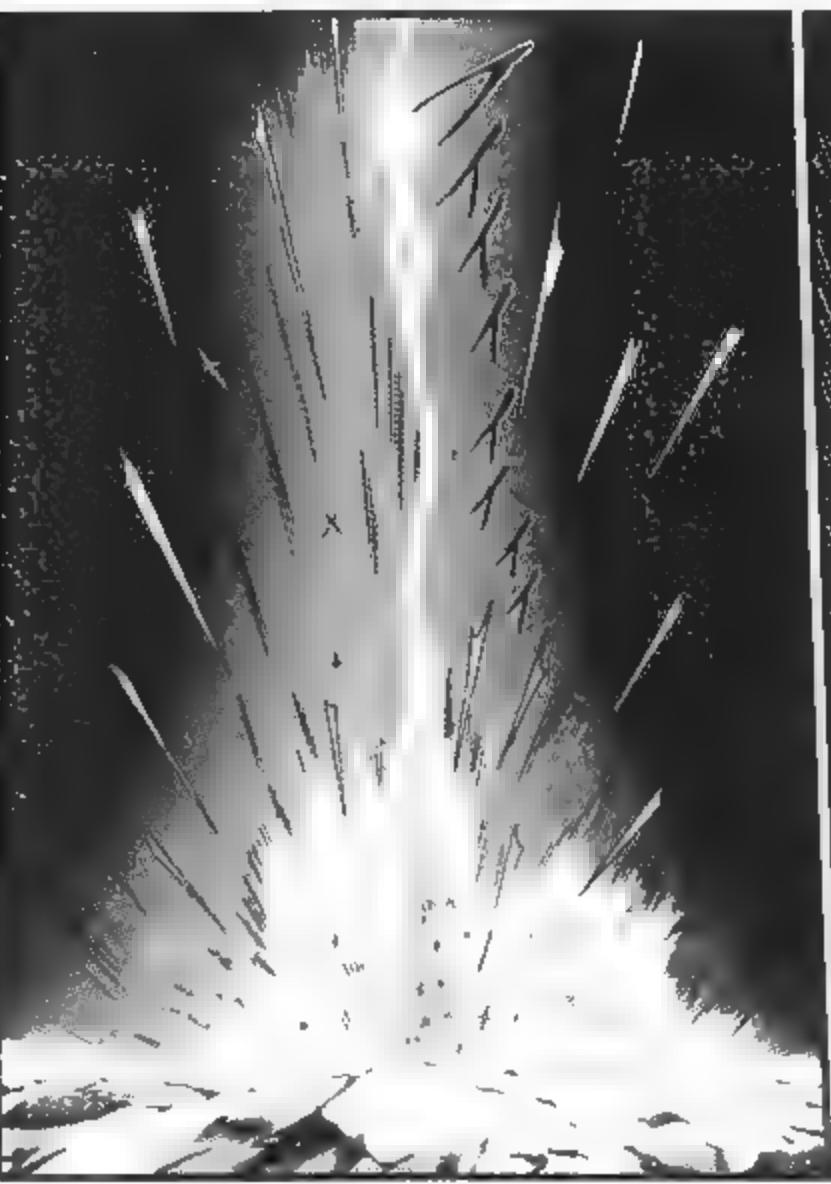
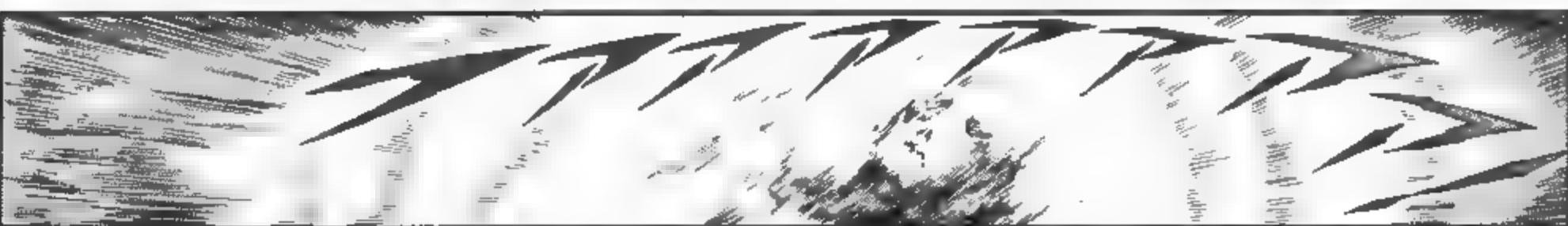
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What the hell!

I'm  
rejuvenated...

No way!!

It's Sopp  
alright...



Come here... don't be  
afraid... over here...

...and with  
my right foot  
intact...

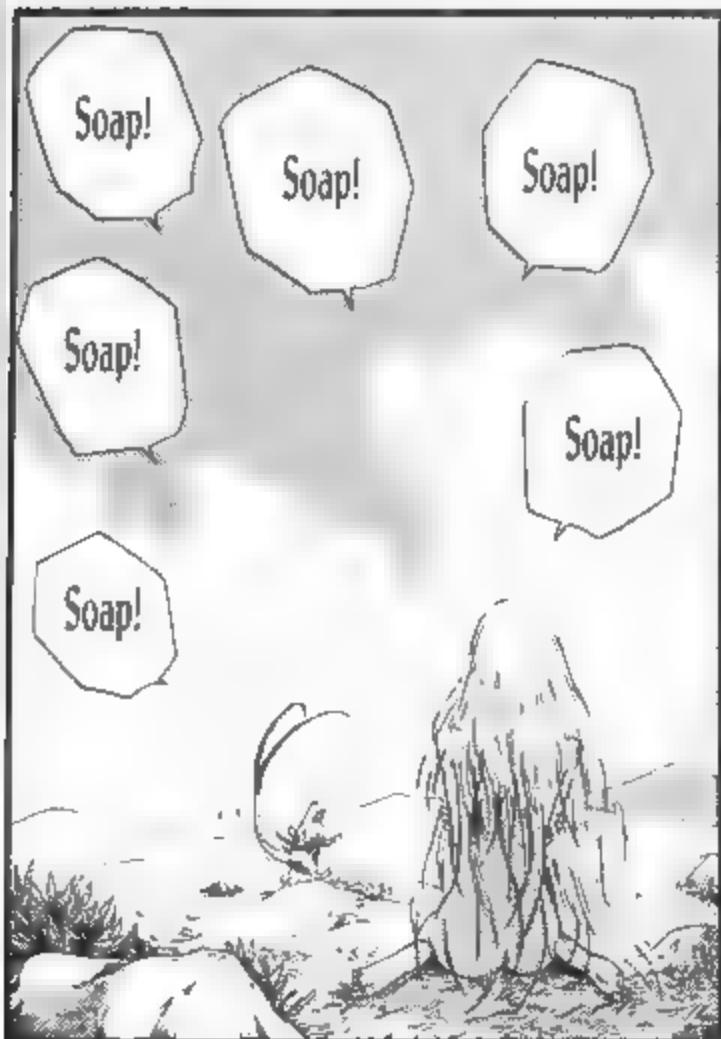
So...

fu...

Here boy... You  
understand  
what I'm saying,  
don't you?

Thank you... I was  
in a real jam... My  
name's Sopp...

You can say  
"Sopp", can't you?



Okay, okay..  
That's enough...



Just a second...  
I'm not going  
anywhere like  
this...

You want me  
to come with  
you?

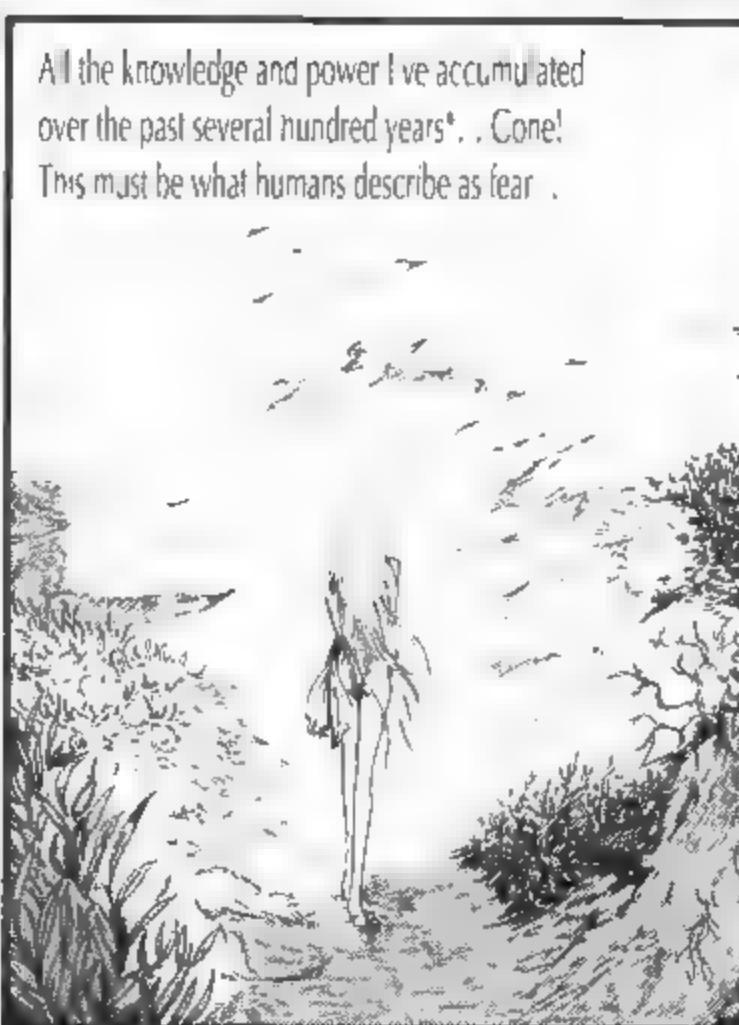
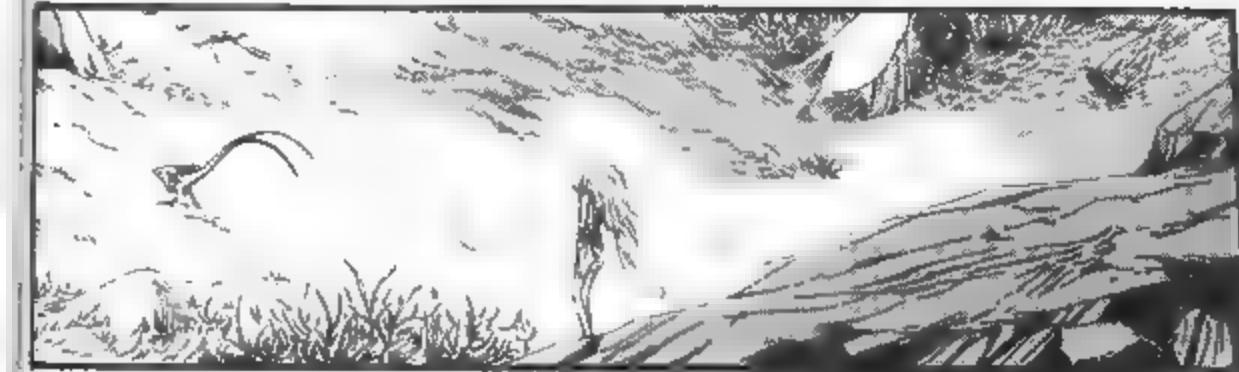
Let's see ... This  
can be salvaged...

Damn!  
Everything's  
torn to shreds!

I'm ready...  
my little Prince  
Charming...

A bit on the  
risqué side,  
but...

I guess this'll  
have to do...



\*The average human life expectancy on Loker is 180 years, 3.5 times that on Earth

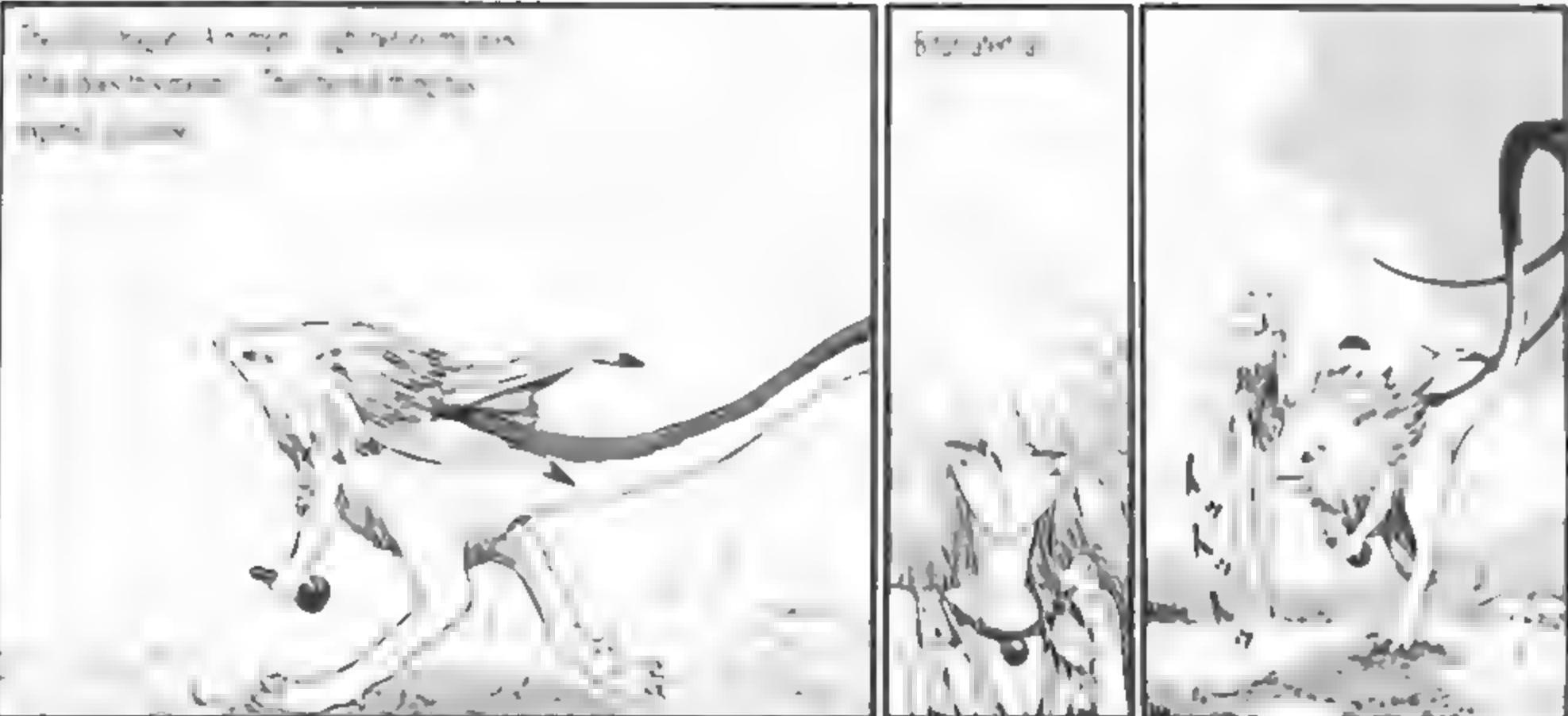
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? What's that?

Hmmm.. Everything around me

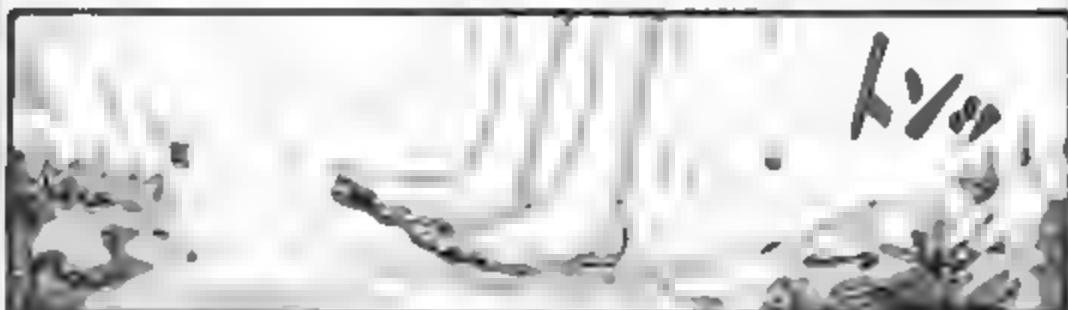
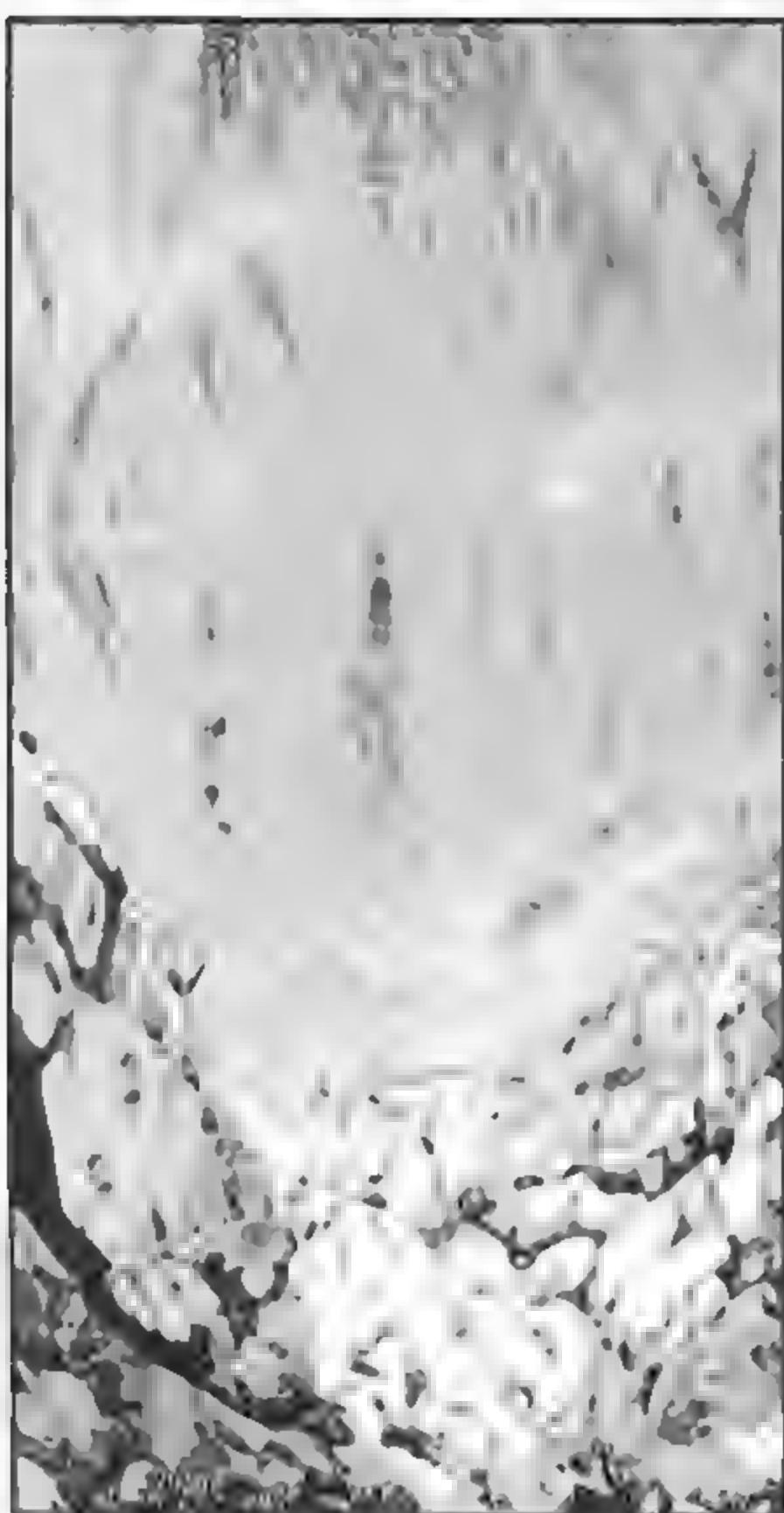
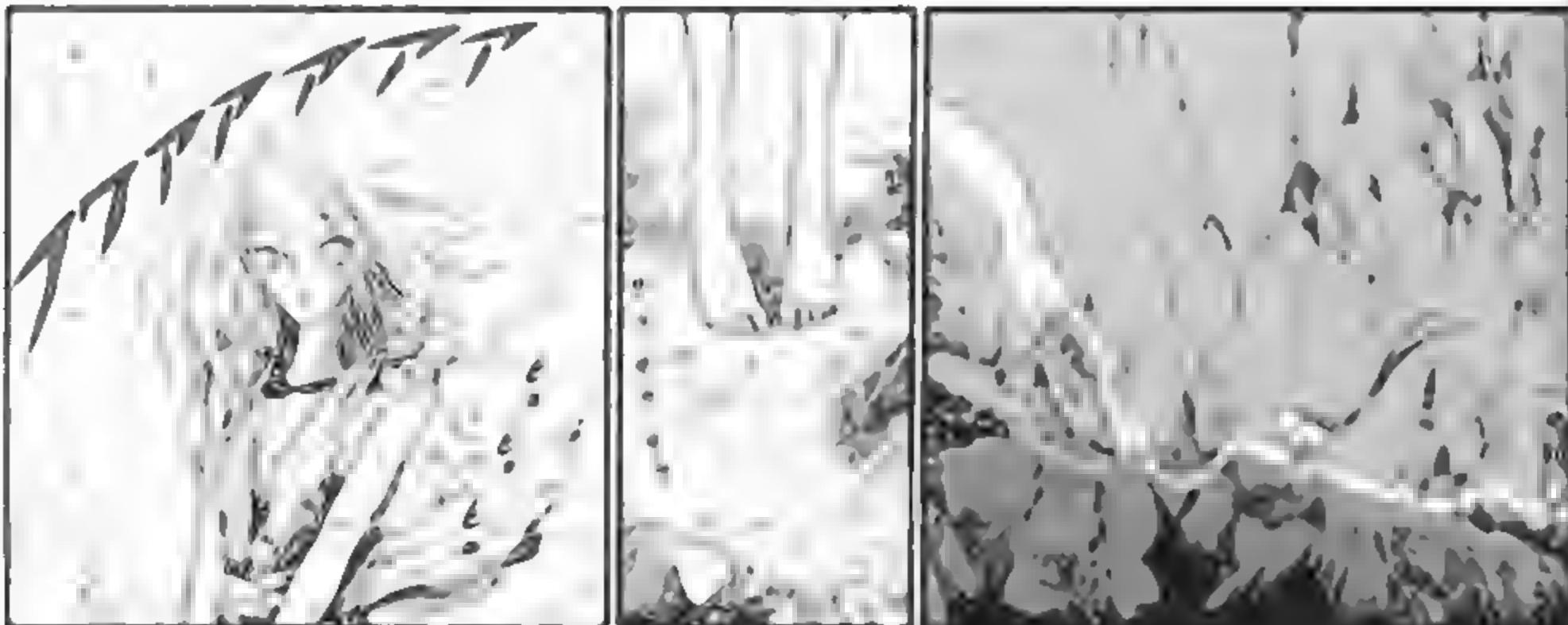
We're now on an equal level...  
weak finite Everything  
Everything in the Universe.

Where're  
you going!



The tree's trunk Does it  
rise the Water level  
in the ocean?  
The tree's bark





Wow... His back is  
lit up...

It's cold...

The whole  
monolith's gone...

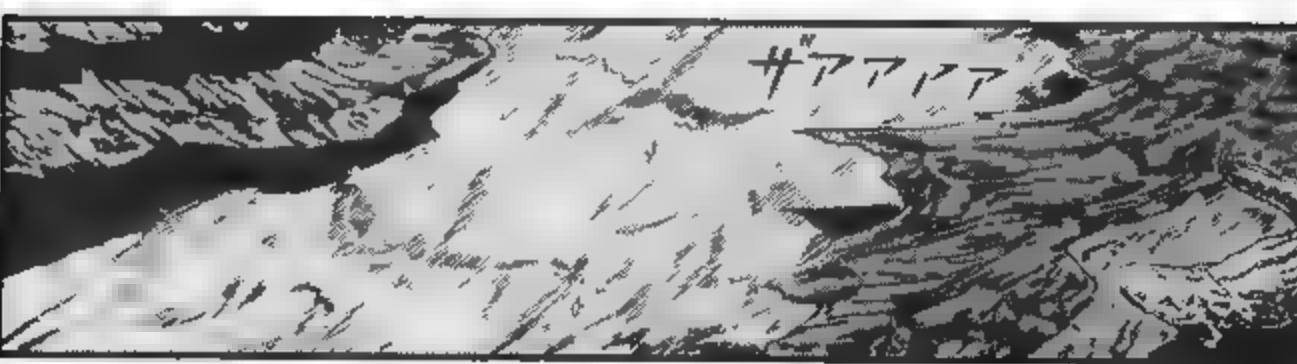


Oh... my  
goodness...

He teleported the whole  
formation somewhere!

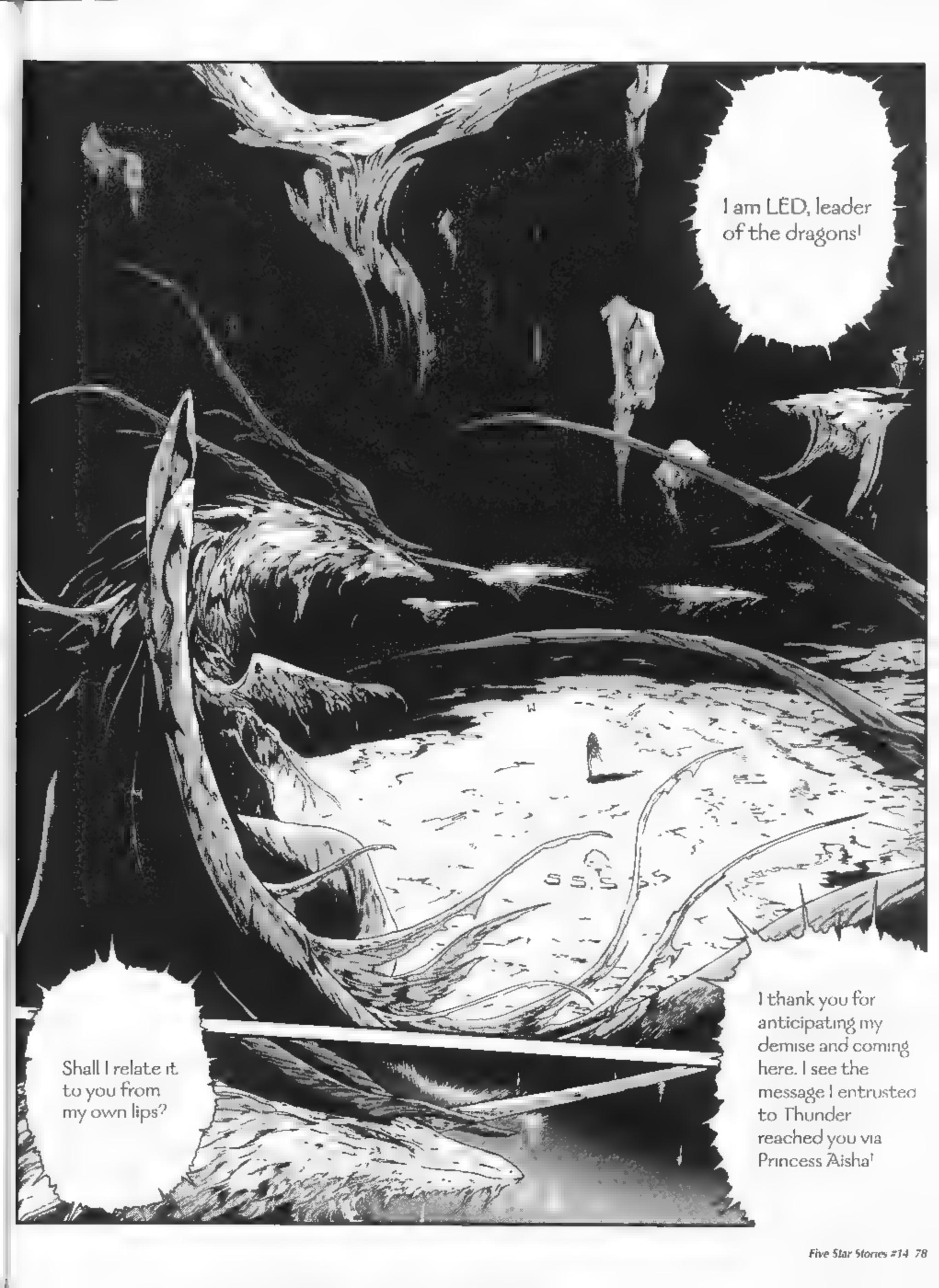


I wonder if he's  
still in one piece?



That's...  
Seems like a  
plaza or tarmac  
of some kind?





I am LED, leader  
of the dragons!

Shall I relate it  
to you from  
my own lips?

S.S.S.

I thank you for  
anticipating my  
demise and coming  
here. I see the  
message I entrusted  
to Thunder  
reached you via  
Princess Aisha!



I am still physiologically a creature originating from this three dimensional world. Therefore, every several thousand years, the material make up of my body deteriorates and scatters in all directions. The small amount of material that remains is recomposed into what your scientists call "a nymph," like the pitiable thing you are holding now.

The pitiable, ignorant creature you hold in your arms is truly me. The giant figure addressing you now is only imaginary. No matter how great the knowledge I possess, I, who will exist forever



Even if we cannot grasp its meaning at the present time, we will unfaltering obey... for eternity...

I believe that would be meaningful for time and history.



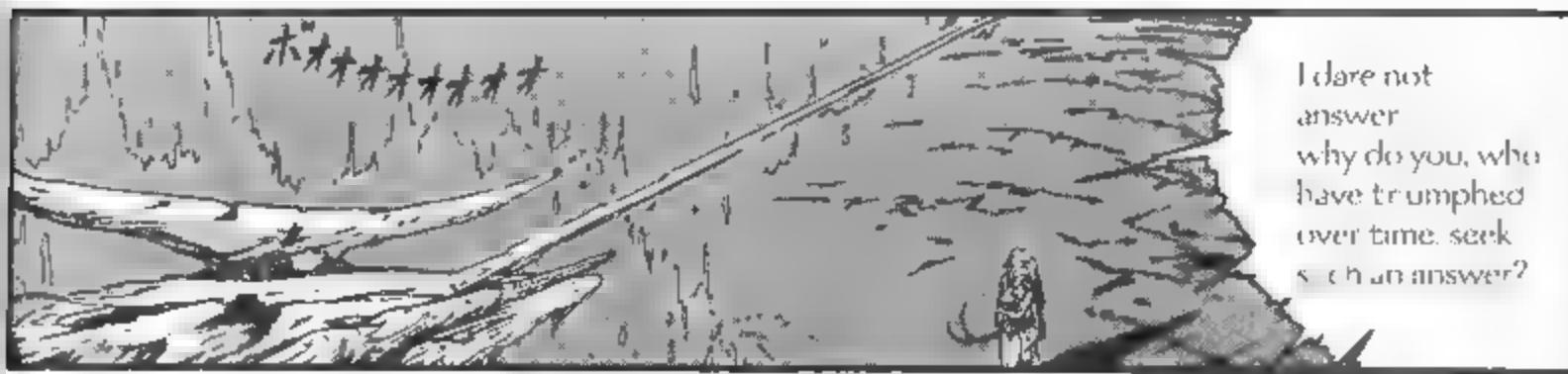
That mind surpasses four dimensions and is thus eternal, but its biological material is limited to only three dimensions

The mind of my true being has flown far beyond the seven dimensions and will hibernate for several hundred years to re-metabolize



Have pity on those who are doomed to live in misery for eternity

Have pity on those who cannot triumph over time



I dare not  
answer  
why do you, who  
have triumphed  
over time, seek  
such an answer?

May I ask...  
about my  
powers. why?



The water is  
compensation to  
the one who raises  
me, for the task will  
require his whole  
life. The payment is  
equivalent to the  
price of a human  
life.



The "Water of  
Life"... half is  
already gone.

Degree of hardness: 8



Compensa-  
tion!



Half was spent  
on me... Why!



That's all  
I can do.



I have my  
own  
reasons



Entrust the  
remainder  
to the human  
who raises  
me



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Let's get  
outta here!

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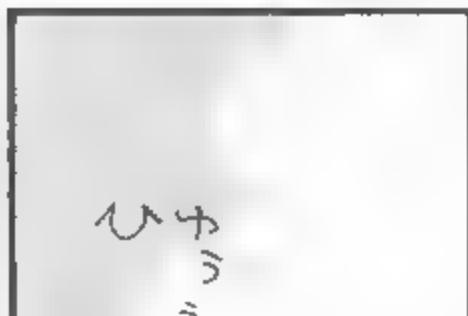
May have  
something to do  
with the loss of  
my powers...

The demise  
of that great  
ruler...

You remember  
my name, don't  
you? If you tell  
me, you can have  
this necklace.

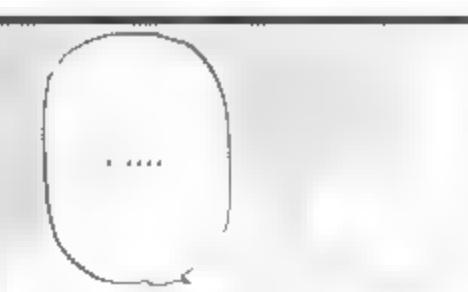
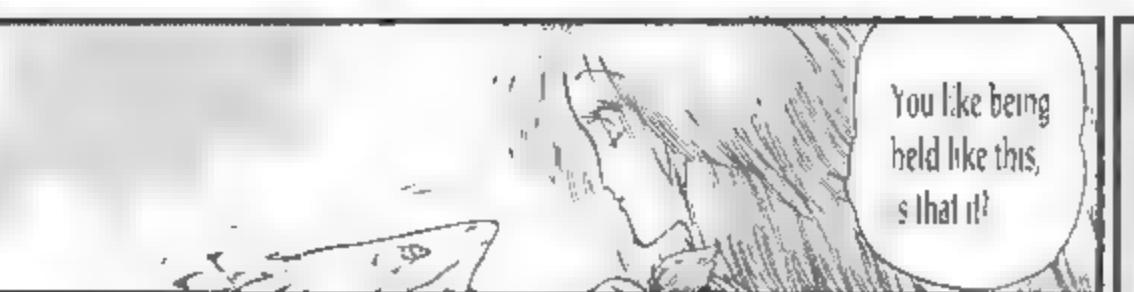
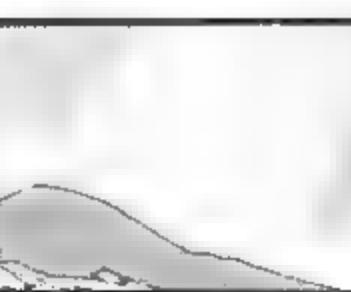


Okay... stop  
whining



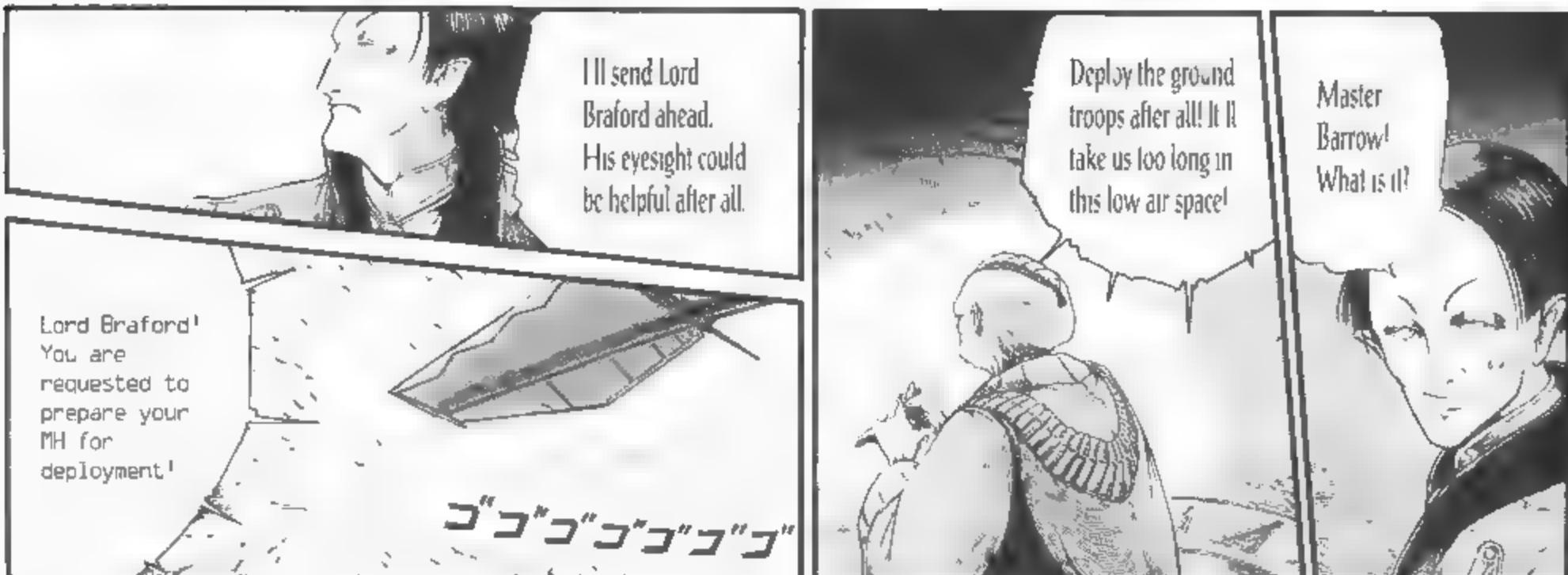
Soap!

Sopp!



You like being  
held like this,  
is that it?

Spoiled brat!!



Alright

I hate that protector equipment.

You've forgotten your flight suit again. At least put on the jacket.

Master

We will inform you of the target after we drop you... Please hurry

Roger!

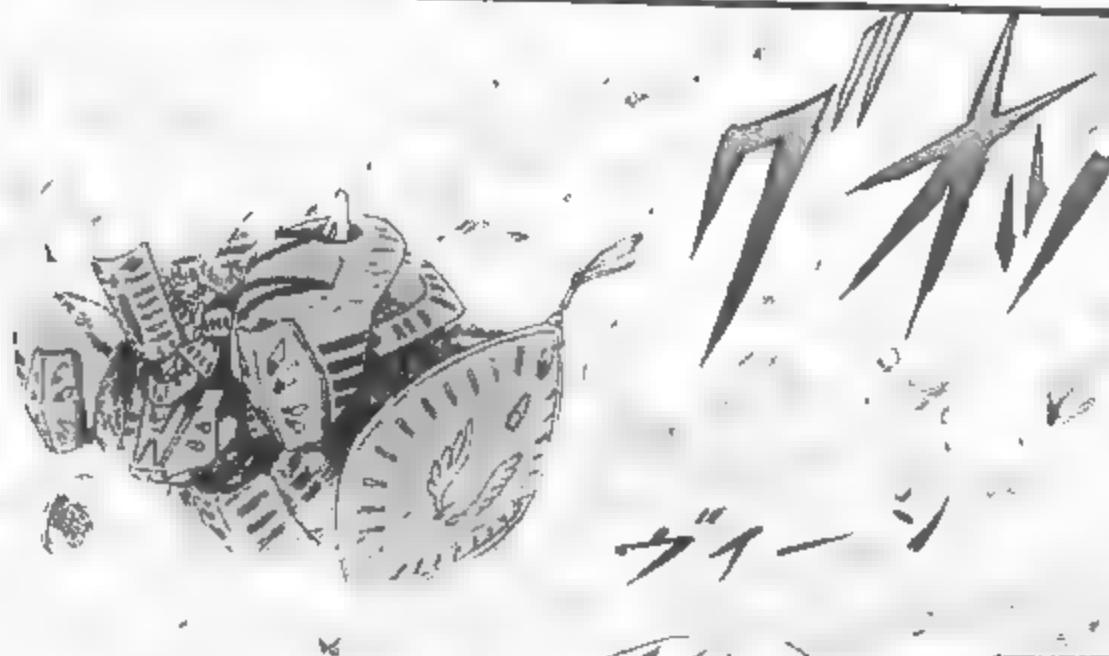
Apache ready! Drop us at will!

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Tsk. Why do we call  
headliners "Lord," even  
when they don't deserve it?

Lord Braford  
is away!



Like it?

Curious about  
things that  
glitter huh?

We've got to  
find a name  
for you.

Oh yeah.

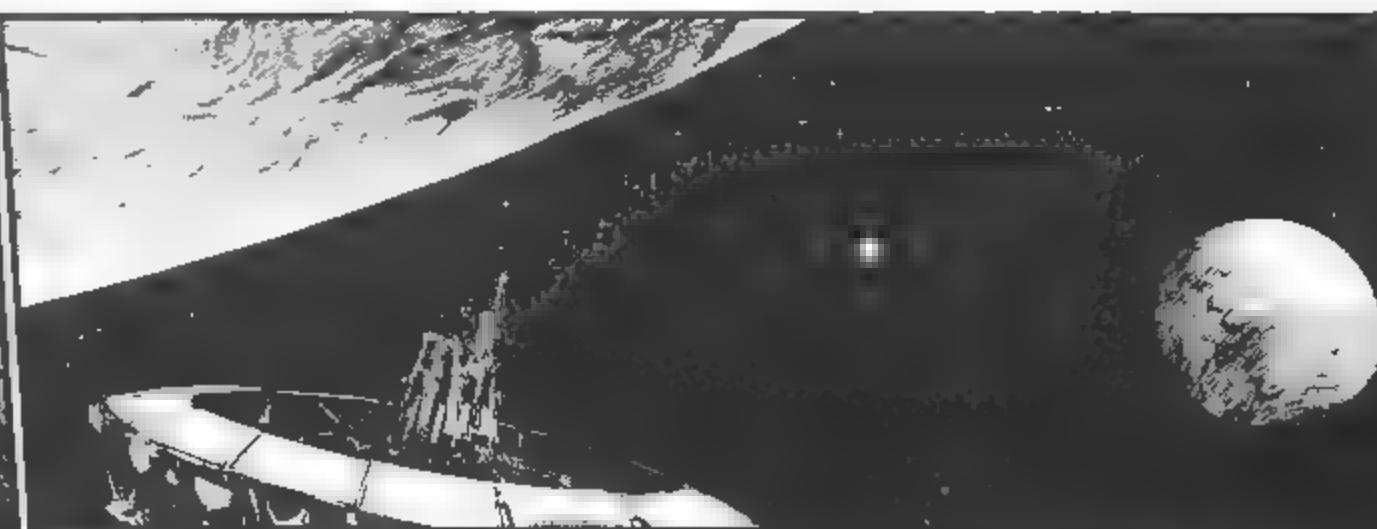


KRRRRRRRRRR



A relay station off of Seluse 5th planet in the Eastern Solar System

... Large energy burst. What?



Passing through!  
Standby!



A super-class  
battleship's ezlaser!

Whooooaaa...!!



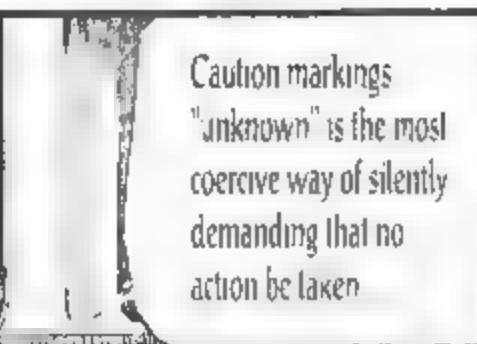
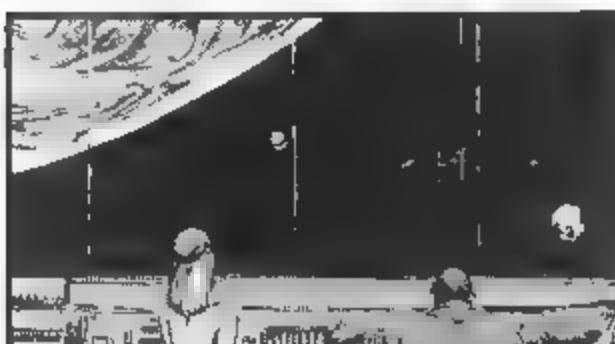
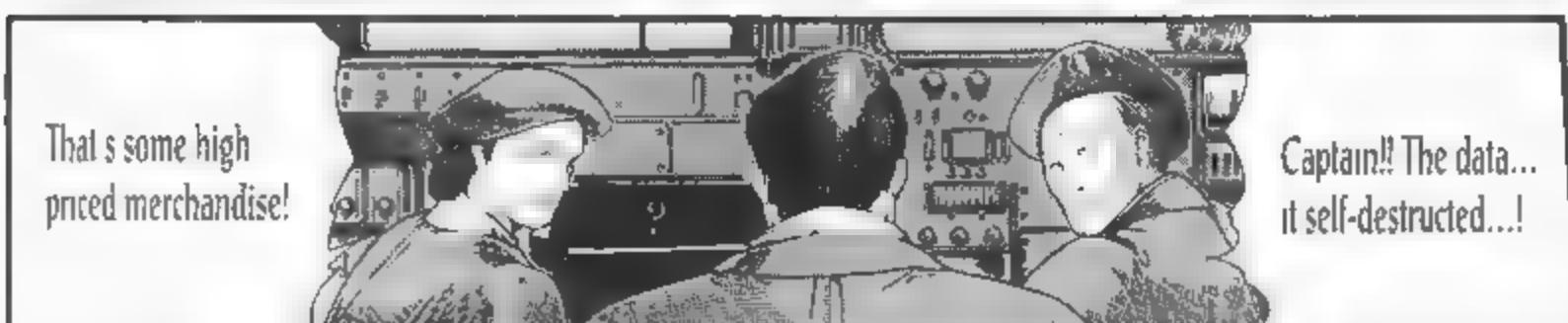
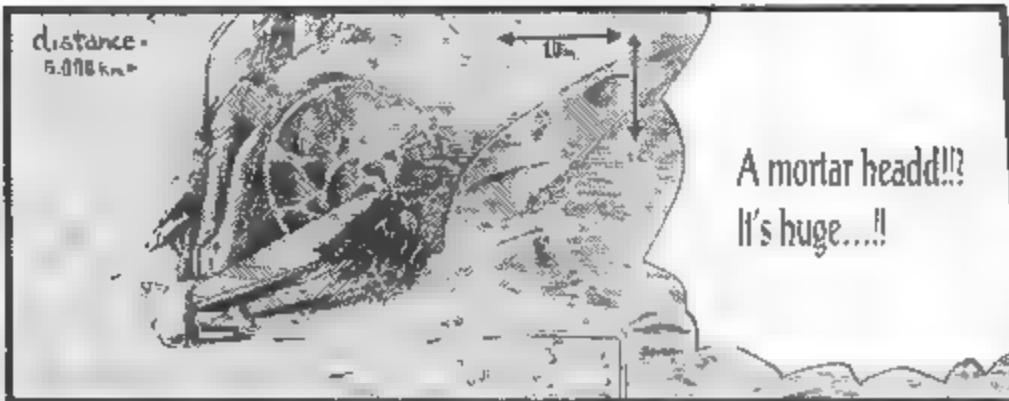
Installing that  
high powered  
noise gate!

Interference is terrible.  
Shit. We were sure lucky!

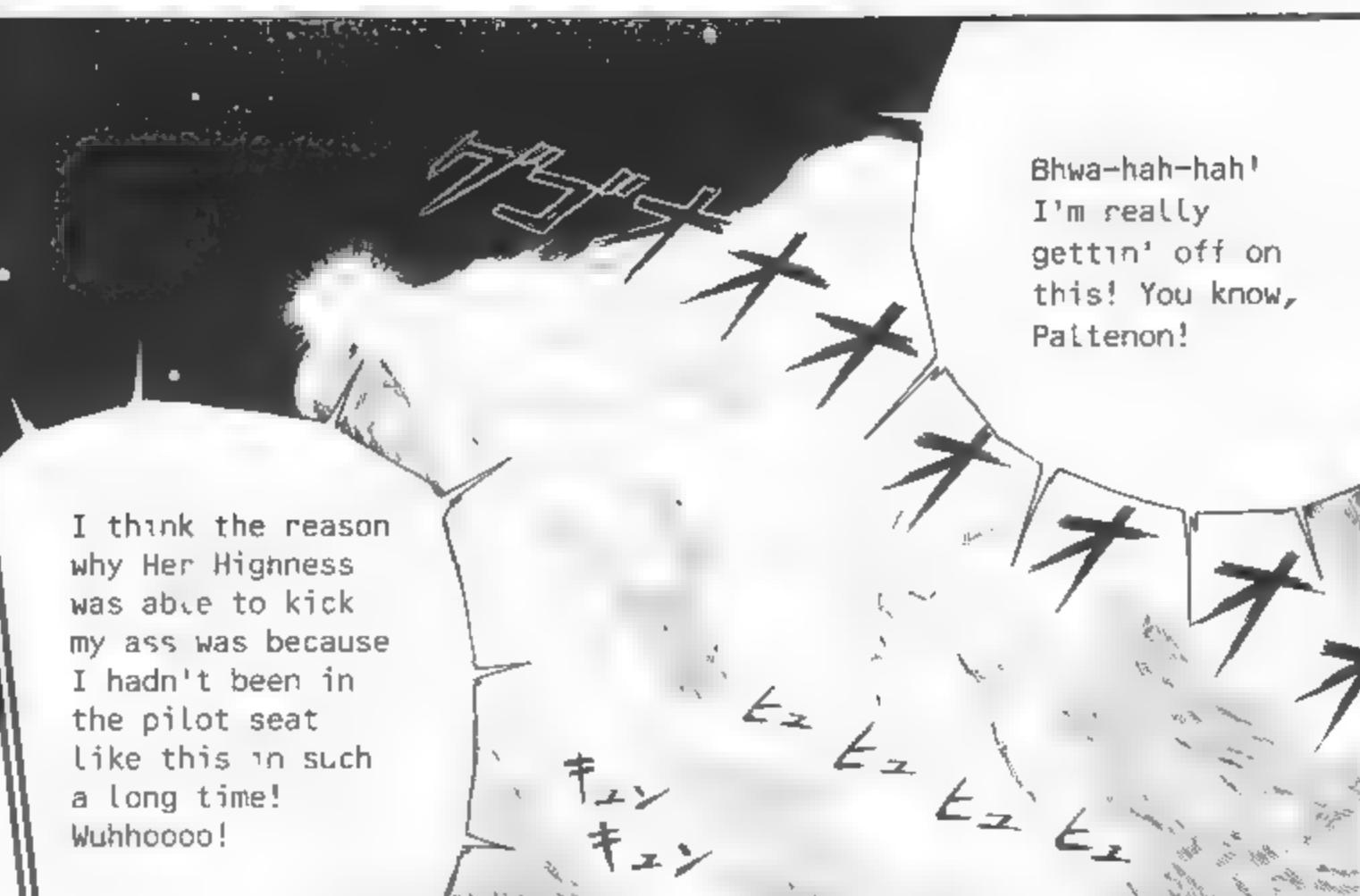
Who were those  
fools? Did you pick  
up any data? We'll  
sue the bastards!

Idiots!





It came from the direction of Delta Belun, right? It must be a test flight being conducted by the Mirage Corps.



Shut up and get to work,  
Yo-man! Like cock-to-  
inject, for instance  
Hurry up, you bitch!

Be free, Trax! This  
is just in Booth!

It's only this pretty rabbit's  
first gig! What if a program  
miss occurs...

Nance! Fucking-AI Event!  
Program change to Both  
at the same time!

Let's deface the  
memory a little... right  
here. Lucky and Backs  
are probably going to  
cry. I hate this game!

Fuck! Only a 1/10-  
power failure, but it's  
enough to cause trauma  
to this little rabbit

I was afraid  
you weren't  
gonna speak to  
me again! Oh  
boy, oh boy!

Hah-hah-hah!  
You mean  
you're not  
mad at me?  
Whew! Yo! Yo!

Hey Schatt, are  
you gonna guide us  
in a search for His  
Majesty or not?

Control's right on full  
track... No problem!  
Everything cool!

Yeah... I'm  
working out  
a plan here...

And what are  
you going to do  
about entering  
the atmosphere  
and landing?



I'm gonna stick my fist  
so far up your ass...

Okay, air-head... I'm  
handing control over to you!  
But if you fuck it up...



I am it yourself, fool!

Would you?  
Really...?



Let's begin  
gently now  
gently

Less than 100  
hours

Disk set in table (mix,  
to patchbay to B-N-C.



Can you hear me?  
Pretty cold here hun!  
. and pitch dark, too

Hi there! My  
sweet little rabbit!!  
This is mommy!



I know you're a little  
nervous.. this being you're  
1st time out and all. But  
don't worry.. We're going  
to a really cool party

Did I frighten you?  
Mommy's here .. There's  
no need to be afraid .. Now  
open your eyes.. a little at a  
time! It's okay.. the visor'll  
protect them.

To be continued...



## **Chronology**

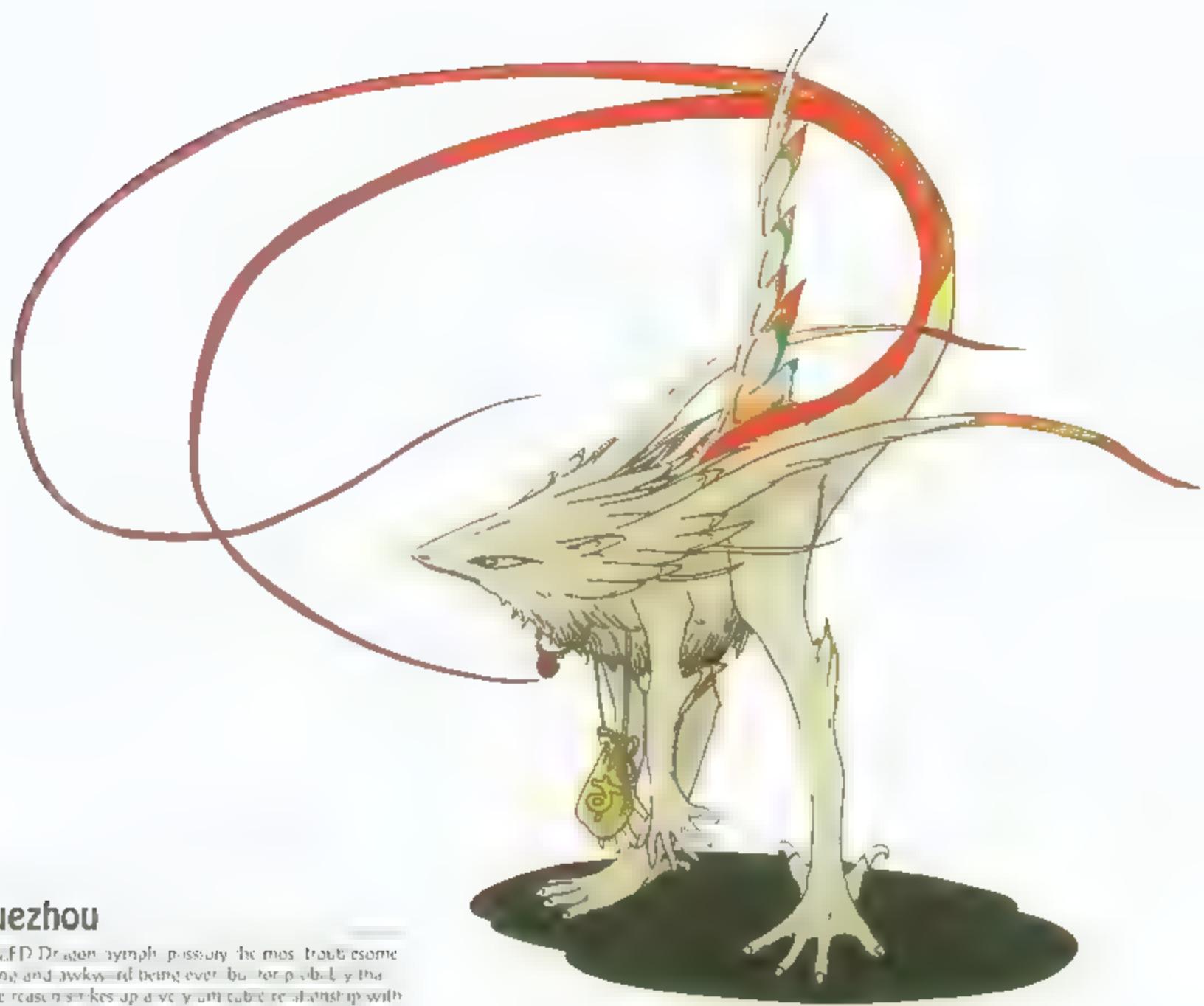
### [Last Millennia of the AD Era]

<b>AD 4000</b>	prosperity and discovery. Solar system colonized and civilization of the Galaxy empire has bounds the superempire - Mars the Barbarian
<b>AD 5000</b>	Rise of the Galactic Empire. The Galaxy estate shines at disciplines - pure science The rise of intergalactic warfares and powerful warlords Invention - the first destructive weapon known as man the buster anche
<b>AD 6000</b>	Flight into interstellar exploration Galactic intergalactic warfares start due to competition between races and cultures that the human species becomes the pride of technology. Technology in the
<b>AD 8000</b>	A weapons of war of that solar systems begins to take form. Recolonization of planets take place on various sides as the deserts of Andromeda Polar the case planet very suitable inhabitible
<b>AD 9000</b>	interstellar exploration reaches an impasse and space adventurers return to their home planets in influence of Mars the Barbarian war as new independence because power control cosmology is perfected Hyperdrives - The external combustion of an engine a technological spin-off from buster anther know how

### (The Joker Millennia)\*

IC 0001	Starfication is achieved on the planets of the Galaxy's star systems, as intergalactic diplomatic relations are negotiated by ancient humans. The beginning of the Inter Era. At this point in time, however, a star civilization reaches its nadir and seems to descend. The level of humanity is at one of senescence and decline. A civilization that once advanced into the outer reaches of the universe, experimented with species exceeding eight dimensions, existence beyond the three dimensions is slowing down. The Human race is now in the process of reverse evolution. From this point on, there will be no sign of significant historic change, even in the next 1000 years.
IC 0910	One of the most innovative by the machine modeled after the human anatomy and designed in the classic style of science and engineering.
IC 2020	In the Kingdom of Greece, Eastern Dell, Belar, the second planet in the Eastern Solar System, the long awaited Day of the Greeks begins. No born one destined to become the king born and to reign.
C 2020	Scientist scientist Dr. Wang Baoyue publishes his research on organic humanoid computer systems.
C 2040	Emperor Augustus uses his speeches to stability and change along with his successor. He believed each oration was a speech from the people of Italy. Deliberately chosen for its qualities.
K 2087	Amberland and Edra joined the Interwar alliance. They were aged 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th to 7 years of age. The 5th and 6th. On the heavier continents, the interwar alliance covered the entire 1,300

JC 2135	Amaerasu makes improvements in the easier external combustion can be used throughout the Galaxy to generate heavy energy.
JC 2200	The beginning of a century of frequent territorial disputes and military aggressions primarily instigated by the minor warheads deadly to minimize casualties and destruction of property in the process of territorial expansion.
JC 2310	A data processor created by improving the control of memory records is developed by the mad scientist, Human Balance. It is called the Human Application. It can map physiological records of human beings.
JC 2324	Amaterasu is enthroned as the Queen of the age of 314. Over a thirty year period he has only ruled much to the cause of internal peace among the countries of Deep Space.
JC 2397	Despite his 37 years, Amaterasu has remarkably never slept fully since reaching adulthood.
JC 2400	Amaterasu's Eastern Solar System and Northern Solar System, which is ruled by the one powerful country, still in a state of relatively peaceful coexistence, while the smaller countries scattered throughout the Southern and Western Solar Systems remain in political strife. This is a time of mass production of both mental records and frames.
JC 2629	Amaterasu makes the right decision. He succeeds the Queen as Emperor Ryushaku.
JC 2810	Amaterasu spends ten years recruiting other super-wielders to his side. He spends years and names them the Akido Knights.
JC 2813	Amaterasu's paper army is organized into an order of knights known as the First Legion Marine Corps which is even committed to the aid the imperial marine forces and charged with employing their own methods in quelling the numerous early incidents.
JC 2875	Amaterasu unites the ten eastern countries to re-establish the Kingdom of Crea. Suddenly in the Southern Solar System, Crea, ruler of the super power on the planet Juno forms the Kingdoms on its borders with the Crea Dynasty and as all is well.
JC 2878	Amaterasu is appointed planetary president of De La Belun.
JC 2899	Amaterasu and Dr. Bellon plan to organize an exiled Amaterasu Gang. He negotiates her exile AND The report of this action is greeted with surprise and apprehension throughout the Galaxy. Dr. Bellon completes the AKD machine and starts Bell-Crea.
JC 2900	A secret organization resolves in the Galaxy reaches their peak time and some symbolic markers that have existed for thousands of years begin to transform. In eastern solar system, Khamay City, the second largest in the Northern Solar System begins to rise from under the influence of a new planetary regulation activities.
JC 2955	Completion of Amaterasu's 100th year - the



## Suezhou

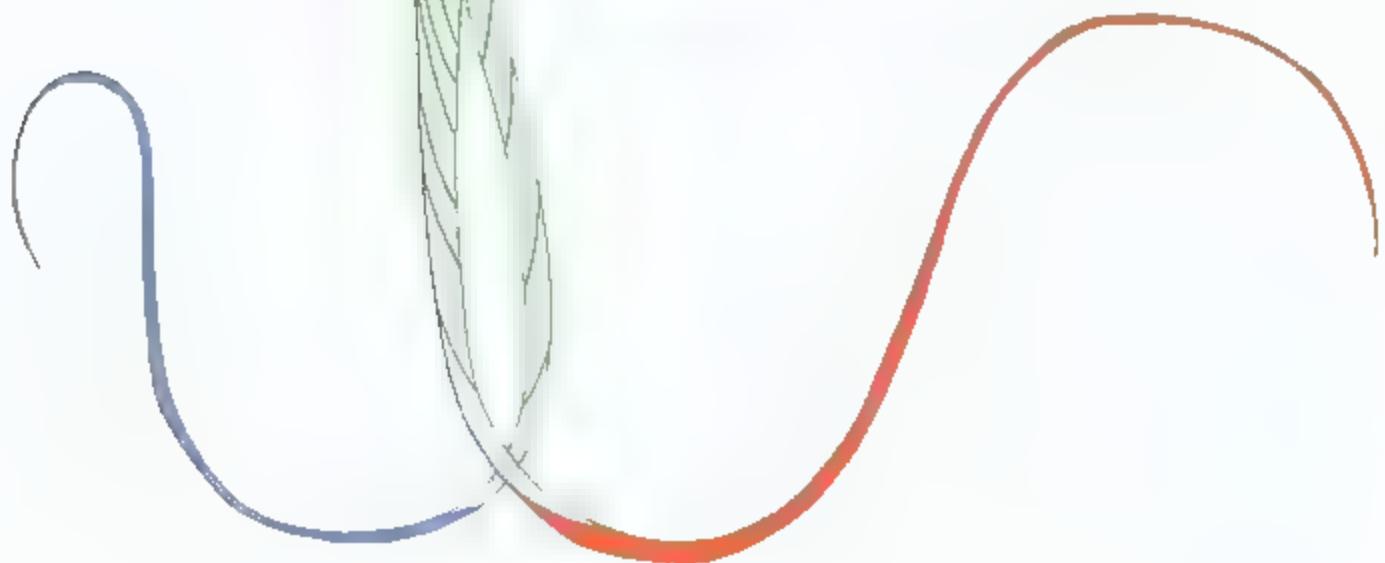
An off Dragon nymph, possibly the most troublesome and awkward being ever, but probably the same reason strikes up a very amicable relationship with Ladios Nopp. While continually more comic relief than excitement, the present story's existence is no surprise to how this the fate of Alropes en Is.

## Characters



### "ARCH" the Water Dragon

A god from nothe world and the dragon-king who  
according to legend beset upon the lake Lai. He  
is bevy of the creatures.





## Allen Braford

A headliner from the land of the Mimiba ninja tribe in the employ of Di-Barrow as backup assistance, a role that does no justice to his superior frontliner-level abilities.

## Mirage Knight No.4 Prince Amaterasu Dis Greens Sarion

First born son of the Amaterasu Shinate family with authority equal to Mirage Corps commander Ragner, as indicated by his Mirage #4 ranking. His partner is Ballanche creation Major.

## Mel Sacheir

Commander of the Divers Para-Guild of sorcerers and also leader of Amaterasu's Mirage Divers. She is a prophetess charged with protecting forces that have been sealed by sorcery within the Floating Temple.

# Characters

## Di-Barrow

Aging chancellor of the small kingdom of Seable on the planet Both, which he controls with his diver powers. He is presently in search of the dying LED Dragon's "Water of Life" in order to revitalize his own degenerating powers.



## Mugumica Rao Collet

Princess of Jabo Beat's 1-fathuha Republic royal family. A prophet with visionary powers equal to the likes of members of the Amaterasu family and Mel Sacheir. She is one example of the kind of formidable sorcerers that exist outside the Amaterasu family-led Para-Guild of divers. She will foresee the death of the LED Dragon.

## Mel Zoom

A member of Amaterasu's Mirage Divers, whose powers differ from the soothsaying abilities of Mel Sacheir and Mugumica in their sole intent to murders and mutilate. She has willfully stopped her physical development at the stage of infancy.

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Mamoru Nagano is a storyteller, whose narrative style arose strangely enough from his background in the design of character and robot animation for television. The unique characters and mechanical devices that flow out of Mamoru's pen are always in line with the latest mode, which is why they always hit the market in such sensational fashion. His peculiar touch with the pen stems technically from a blend of traditional Japanese ink brush techniques and whatever is happening on the graphic art scene at any particular time, while compositionally his work stems from various fetishistic tendencies. The following is a chronological account of Mamoru's career.

Artist, comic writer, musician, designer, and Macintosh recluse, Mamoru Nagano was born in the city of Maizuru, Kyoto Prefecture in January 1960. In 1984 he made his animation debut as the character designer of the TV cartoon *Heavy Metal L-Gaim*. His first comic, *Fool for the City*, was published in *Newtype* magazine in 1985, followed by *Five Star Stories* serial, which began in 1986. Five stories were completed by 2000, then in spring 2001, Story #6 was begun. *FSS* was first published in paperback by Kadokawa, which released 11 volumes with a total sales of 7 million copies, marking it as a popular long seller among Japanese comic fans. The author's latest work is another animated serial entitled *Brain-Powered*. Much of his work is under copyright of and being published by his own company, TOYSPRESS, Inc.

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## A Vast Tale Promising to Straddle the Centuries

### Five Star Stories Vols IX-X

**F**or an espionage mission to Fort Chibum in the U-thu Republic on the planet Both, swordsmen sage Dougulus Kaien is detected by a very alert Michael Lester, who blocks the spy's escape and all but obliterates Kaien's fatima Auxo. Kaien flees to an anti-government guerilla camp at the mining village of Tyxaihigh and is pursued by Republic headliner Maiyu Sukat in his powerful mortar headd, the Zakker. Filling in for Auxo as Kaien's partner on his Scheltor is none other than Lachesis' sister Atropos, who had been posing as the leader of the guerillas. After defeating Skat, Atropos pledges to spend the rest of her life trying to realize a fatima's full potential free

of legally imposed physical and mental restraints, and after the battle disappears. Meanwhile, Kaien's Auxo is brought back from the dead by Chrome Ballanche's protege, Prisen Corks, with her memory miraculously intact and is reunited with Kaien.



### Five Star Stories Vols XI-XII

**A**fter a flashback to the time when Ladious Sopp and Chrome Ballanche first met and their encounter with swordsman sage Dinos Ilahraki, the stories turned to the Kingdom of Taika, doomed to war and tragedy for thousands of years in another universe, but promised by Amaterasu that he would send his daughter to end the violence. Colus Dis Vice then made a brief appearance, before we were swept off to Delta Belun and Amaterasu's woes concerning his mother, who also paid a visit to Lachesis. Volume XI then ended with Sopp and Ballanche at their last meeting before the good doctor's death. Back to Kastenpo on the planet Both, Iler the Bishop isn't satisfied with the twenty-eight previous opportunities to experiment in military mayhem. Looking for one of the Galaxy's Big Three to "test", he has the ninja spy kidnap

Aisha Codante's fatima to lure Mirage Knight #2 into the battlefield. Klbarcan's Cardinal Muse van Reyback decides to shed his holier-than-thou attitude and bring the Bang Doll. As for the attempt by Iler's monitoring station to escape with newly discovered mortar headd data, a royally P.O.'d Thunder Dragon puts on a spectacular aerial demonstration in a statement to the Galaxy that nobody is to use the unrestricted, lawless region of Kastenpo as a weapons testing ground ever again.



### MORE UPCOMING ISSUES...

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